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Semi-Portable Compound Engine.— Paris Electrical Exposition.

Semi-portable engines, of the type which we illustrate in the present issue, are practically unknown in this country. It is rare to find here a portable engine or even a semi-portable which in any way approaches the power which this one develops, 40 horse-power being considered large for this class, while the one illustrated is capable of developing 100 or even more.

The engine was built by Hermann, La Chapelle & Co., of Paris, and is employed in driving a Gramme dynamo-electric machine at the Paris Electrical Exposition. It is compound, having two cylinders, and is capable of developing in its regular work, while controlled by the governor, from 40 to 100 horse-power. The engine, though setting on the top of the boiler, is mounted on an independent bed-plate, and may, in case of necessity, be removed and mounted as a stationary engine. The bed-plate is not bolted to the boiler directly, but to a set of steel hoops or bands, not shown in the engravings, but which surround the boiler shell. The bed-plate, see Figs. 1 and 3, at the cylinder end is enlarged to form the intermediate receiver between the two cylinders, the steam passages, the jacket, and also the front cover of the large cylinder. The low-pressure cylinder is 17½ inches in diameter, and the high-pressure about 10½, making the ratio of the areas about 3 to 1. The stroke is 17½ inches, nearly. The forked connecting rods, and several other details, are of a character rarely seen in this country on first-class work. The piston-rod stuffing boxes are somewhat peculiar, steel tubes being used for them, and the glands fitted into these tubes. This construction is rendered necessary by the fact that there are three joints to be made tight between the piston and the open air, and the insertion of the steel tube or bush makes these all secure with little trouble. These tubes are depended upon to hold the smaller cylinder central in the recess cast to receive the head. This construction is plainly shown in Fig. 1 on the high-pressure cylinder. The boiler is of a pattern not uncommon abroad, and is intended to fill the requirements of the inspection laws of the Netherlands and some other countries. They make it imperative that the interior of all boilers, large and small, shall be open to inspection. This boiler is fired at the smoke-box end, and is provided with a large flue. The return circulation is accomplished by means of small tubes. The arrangement of the flues is illustrated in Fig. 3 (see page 3). It will be noted at the left hand end (Fig. 1) there is a double flange going all the way around the boiler. These two flanges connect the head with the shell of the boiler, and are held together by bolts spaced about 2 inches apart. These are not shown in the drawing. By simply breaking this joint the front head flue, fire box and all the tubes and the back connection may be withdrawn for inspection or cleaning. When this is done the whole interior can be easily reached. This feature is one which may well be considered by the builders of small boilers and engines in this country. It will be noted that this boiler is only 4 feet 3 inches in diameter, yet every part of the interior can be reached without any difficulty and only a small amount of labor. Under each nut on the bolts holding the head in place, rubber washers are placed so as to allow for expansion and contraction.

The engine is controlled by an Andrade governor. This has a somewhat peculiar form of connection between the ball and the vertical stems. This is shown in the elevation, Fig. 1, and also in Fig. 3. The arms are hinged together independently, and are connected with the vertical stems by a sort of "Jacob's ladder" or "lazy tongs" arrangement which gives them great power. The upper joint of this link-work is fixed to the axis, while the lower point works in a slot. The governor is said to be sensitive, and to keep the speed perfectly under control, yet from the results which are said to have been attained, we should judge it would not compare very well with the Porter governor.

This engine has a valve motion for which many advantages are claimed, and it is said to produce a horse-power for 2.64 pounds of coal per hour. For an engine of this class this is a very good record. It is intended to work with or without condensation, according to the location in which it is placed. The weight of the machine complete as shown in about 13 tons, which includes the feed-water heater shown on the elevation in dotted lines Fig. 1, and upon the plan in same detail. The pump is driven by a pin on one of the fly-wheels, Fig. 3. The boiler has 417½ square feet of heating surface.

There are some details which appear peculiar, as, for example, the stop-cock Fig. 1, with its long handle, used for a throttle valve in the main steam pipe, as well as the general absence of globe valves. Taken as a whole, the engine may be regarded as a very interesting and instructive curiosity, and while few engineers would wish to construct a copy of it, there are many points about it which are very suggestive.

To get a gear wheel off a shaft upon which it has been shrunk, it is recommended to pour some melted iron around the hub, by which operation the latter will expand so quickly that there will be no time for the shaft to get hot, and the gear will come off easily.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

The rapid destruction of plugs used in closing combustion tubes, frequently necessitating their replacement by new ones, has always been a source of difficulty and annoyance to chemists. Mr. I. Fleming White, when working in the laboratory of organic chemistry of Harvard University, conceived the idea of using

ASBESTUS STOPPERS FOR COMBUSTION TUBES, the method of preparing them being as follows: The asbestos is separated into fine threads, moistened with water, twisted into a plug, crowded into the cylinder of an ordinary steel crusher, such as is used to pulverize minerals for analysis, and compressed by driving the piston of the crusher down upon it with a hammer, or better, by the screw of a vise. The plug is kept under pressure for several hours, then dried within the cylinder upon a sand bath, pushed out of the cylinder, and after ignition over a blast-lamp is ready for use. In this condition the plug loses no weight under prolonged ignition, is elastic enough to make a tight joint when fitted to a combustion tube of

genuine mixture. This calculation is based on the determination of the amount of ozone in the air made by M. Houzeau. The proportion by weight at the maximum was 1-450,000th, or by volume 1-700,000th. In a 2-foot tube a full pure sky-blue tint is seen when 0.00254 gram of ozone is contained in each square centimeter of sectional area. This number approximates very closely to the above; hence it may be assumed that if these determinations be correct, the blue tint of the atmosphere must certainly be due to some extent to ozone, at times if not always. Now, if we consider that 2.5 mg. of ozone in each square centimeter of sectional area of a column of air produce a full sky-blue tint, it is impossible to believe that light, which has traversed columns of air under ordinary conditions of temperature and pressure, and 27 to 35 miles in length, has not made its way through 2.5 mg. of ozone. The length of an atmospheric column at the ordinary temperature and pressure would be 5½ miles, and while we are in doubt as to the constitution of the higher atmosphere, such reasoning cannot justly be applied to the blue color of the sky."

Mr. W. Carter, in a note recently com-

up to windward without appearing to use his wings to a degree sufficient to account for the same. The sailors are satisfied with the explanation that he beats to windward. The conditions are, of course, not analogous to those of a ship sailing to windward. If the wind be very light, or if there be a calm, occasional powerful and obvious flapping of the wings occurs. If there is no wind, the birds often settle on the water round the ship. In very heavy weather the birds disappear altogether, probably settling on the water. Except that for breeding they resort to islands, it is believed that they frequent the open ocean, where the surface is seldom without more or less swell. On watching the flight of the albatross, one observes that, in order to rise from the water, violent and obvious flapping of the wings is necessary, which is continued some time after the wings cease to strike the water. After a start has thus been effected, if there is a fresh breeze, the wings are kept almost motionless. Sometimes the bird goes some distance with the impetus derived from the flapping of the wings at the start, but sooner or later he turns so as to expose the plane surface of

of other material. Even in 20 days no effect was produced in the clear liquid, while the unozonized stoppers caused turbidity even in a few days from the development of certain organisms. Hence ozone kills the germs in the air which can develop in beer yeast. Extended experiments may show whether there exist any relations between the sanitary condition of a place and the amount of ozone in the air, as, according to modern views, the spread of contagious diseases is caused by germs or low organisms which are transported by the air.

A promising improvement has been made in electric lighting by substituting

IRIDIUM FOR ELECTRIC LAMPS,

in place of the carbon pencils hitherto almost exclusively used as poles in exhibiting the voltaic arc. Iridium is fusible only in the arc from a very powerful battery, and by keeping the intensity of the current below a given point the metal can be maintained at a temperature of about 4000° F., which is far below its melting point, though high enough to add the light of an intense incandescence to the brilliancy of the arc itself. At this temperature the iridium points remain completely unchanged, and the variations and flickerings due to the rapid wearing away of carbon pencils are entirely absent in the new light; while the consistency with which the source of the illumination keeps its place peculiarly adapts it for use in the focus of the Fresnel lenses, or the parabolic reflectors which, in lighthouses or in similar situations, take their place. The process by which the iridium, naturally gritty and intractable powder, is formed into pencils for use in lamps is an ingenious adaptation of a patent issued long ago for making the same metal into points for gold pens, and depends upon the property which iridium possesses of forming a compound with phosphorus, which can then be melted at a temperature of about 3000° F.—about the fusion point of iron—and molded into masses which can be subsequently dephosphorized, and regain the original infusibility of the pure metal.

The force exerted by the expansion of water when freezing is known to be considerable. Mr. Hagenbach experimented, during the past severe winter, upon the

BURSTING POWER OF ICE,

making two of his interesting experiments with cast-iron hand grenades. The outer diameter was 15 cm. (5.8 inches), the inner diameter 12.8 cm. (5.4 inches). The shells were filled with water, closed with a screwed iron plug, and exposed to the cold. Both shells were broken, and a curved thread of ice was projected from the upper surface. One of the plugs was evidently thrown out with great violence, and to such a distance that it could not be found. The curvature in that case was upward.

An Improvement in Wire Rope.—It is well known to mining engineers that the weight of the wire rope used in deep mines is so great that every means is adopted to lessen it. With that end in view, the sections nearer the hoisting cage are often made lighter, the strength of the rope being increased in proportion as it has more of its own weight to carry. A German firm, H. Kern & Co., of Gleiwitz, has commenced to manufacture wire, the gauge of which grows smaller the longer it is, and from this wire A. Deichsel, of Zabrze, is now making hoisting rope, and at the Dusseldorf Exhibition showed a length of nearly 900 feet, in which the wires composing the strands were of one piece, though the weight per unit varied.

At the beginning of the present year there were in operation in this country 170,103 miles of telegraph lines, over which, during 1880, no fewer than 33,155,001 messages were sent. The length of telegraph lines in the principal countries in which they are used, is tabulated thus:

	Miles.
United States	170,103
Russia	56,170
Germany	40,431
France	36,900
Austria-Hungary	30,403
Australia	26,842
Great Britain	23,150
British India	25,700
Turkey	17,858
Italy	13,864

It is stated by Mr. Gautert, in a paper recently read before the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, that the annual production of the fifteen dynamite manufactories now under Nobel's control is between 4500 and 5000 tons. In 1867 it was only 11 tons; in 1870, 424, and in 1874, 3120 tons. According to a rough estimate, the make of dynamite and other explosives containing nitroglycerine, in Europe and America, is placed between 7000 and 8000 tons, equal to at least from 40,000 to 50,000 tons of ordinary powder.

As an example of light steam engines we may mention a pair of compound engines made by Messrs. Ahrberker & Son, London, which develop 30 horse-power and weigh only 168 pounds all told. The boiler weighs 142 pounds. These engines are intended for use in aerial propulsion, and are, of course, extremely simple in detail.

It is reported that a bridge will be built across the Ohio River at Henderson, by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. It will consist of two spans of 160 feet each; one span of 500 feet, and a draw of 71 feet, which will be located on the Indiana side. The span will be 100 feet above low water.

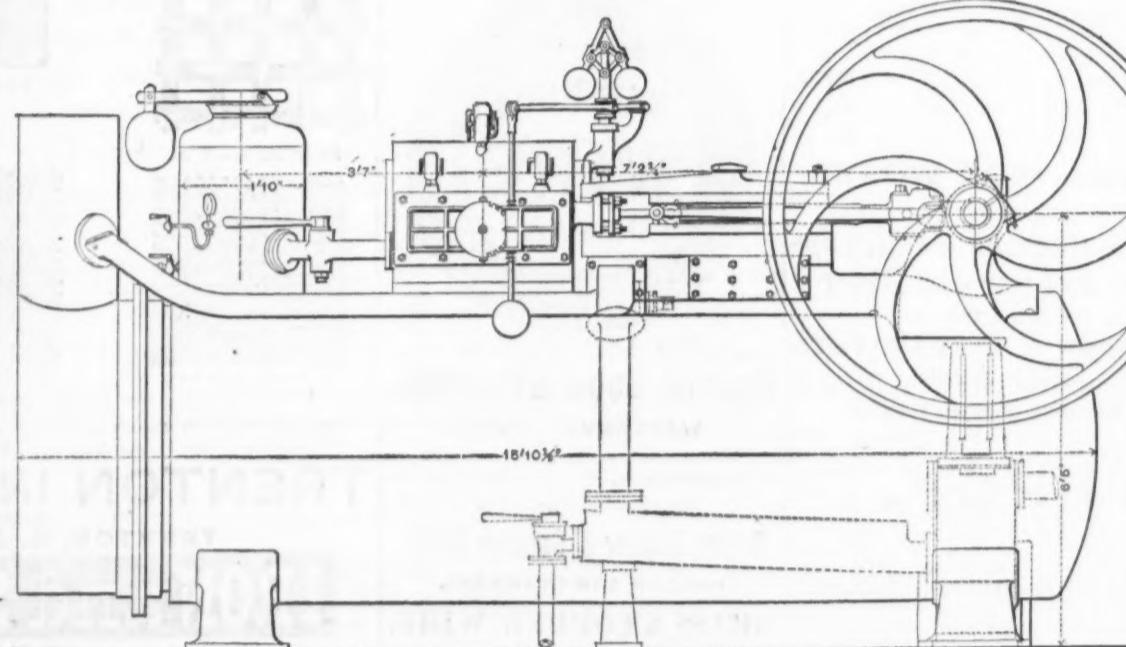


Fig. 1.—Side Elevation.

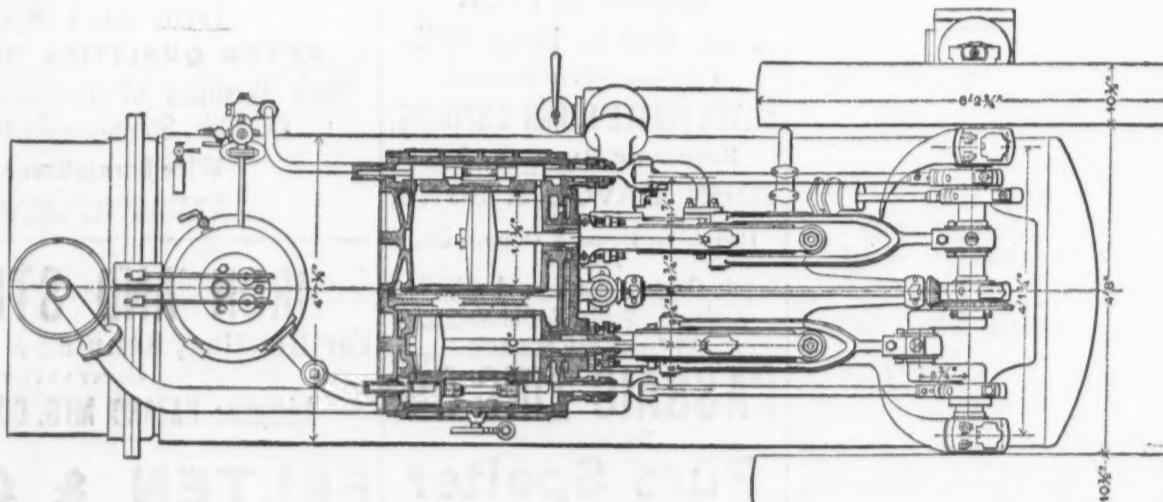


Fig. 2.—Plan and Section through Cylinders.

A FRENCH SEMI-PORTABLE COMPOUND ENGINE.

THE EFFECT OF PRESSURE ON SEED GERMINATION,

in which it was stated that under a pressure of two and a half atmospheres, mustard seed germinated 25 hours earlier than under the ordinary atmospheric pressure. The early development, however, became permanently arrested during the eight days of the experiment, and the cotyledons of one that had escaped entirely from the seed coat remained as etiolated as if grown in absolute darkness, while those under ordinary pressure grew rapidly, and their cotyledons acquired a deep green color. The etiolated plants, when removed from the pressure, rapidly grew into vigorous young plants. An increased pressure would, therefore, seem to stimulate germination and prevent the formation of chlorophyll. The pressure was obtained by the use of a column of mercury. The seeds were sown on moist cotton wool, placed in a small bottle, which was then secured to the curved extremity of a glass tube, into the long arm of which mercury was poured until it reached a height of 45 inches above the level of the metal in the short arm.

Seafaring men often have occasion to observe

THE ABSORPTION OF SOLAR RAYS BY ATMOSPHERE,

PHERIC OZONE,

showing in the course of his investigations that columns of air only 3 feet in length, containing only 1-2000th of their volume of ozone, cause a most energetic absorption of the invisible rays, and he has further found that very small quantities of the gas give an azure-blue tint to very considerable volumes of air. He says: "Messrs. Hautefeuille and Chappuis discovered the fact that ozone possessed a blue color. On filling a glass tube 2 feet in length for the purpose of some of the preceding experiments, I was surprised

to find how small a proportion of ozone is visible to the eye. In a column of the atmosphere, 1 square cm. in sectional area, which would weigh 1033.33 grams, the maximum amount of ozone would be at least 0.00258 gram, supposing the gaseous constituents of the atmosphere to form a homo-

geneous mixture. This calculation is based on the determination of the amount of ozone in the air made by M. Houzeau. The proportion by weight at the maximum was 1-450,000th, or by volume 1-700,000th. In a 2-foot tube a full pure sky-blue tint is seen when 0.00254 gram of ozone is contained in each square centimeter of sectional area. This number approximates very closely to the above; hence it may be assumed that if these determinations be correct, the blue tint of the atmosphere must certainly be due to some extent to ozone, at times if not always. Now, if we consider that 2.5 mg. of ozone in each square centimeter of sectional area of a column of air produce a full sky-blue tint, it is impossible to believe that light, which has traversed columns of air under ordinary conditions of temperature and pressure, and 27 to 35 miles in length, has not made its way through 2.5 mg. of ozone. The length of an atmospheric column at the ordinary temperature and pressure would be 5½ miles, and while we are in doubt as to the constitution of the higher atmosphere, such reasoning cannot justly be applied to the blue color of the sky."

THE ACTION OF OZONE ON GERMS CONTAINED IN THE AIR,

attempting to show that ozone had the power to destroy the germs which are the cause of fermentation and other similar phenomena. For this purpose dust from the air was collected on cotton stoppers, and some of these exposed to the action of ozone. The ozonized stoppers were then brought in contact with liquid beer yeast, the necessary precautions being taken to prevent the introduction

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Dry Rooms.

In almost all manufacturing establishments a drying-room is a necessary attachment. At some period in the work it is commonly necessary to submit the material to a thorough wetting, and it is also desirable that after this ordeal the water should be removed from it as soon as practicable. But while there are tens of thousands of drying-rooms in this country, it is a curious circumstance that hardly any of them have been constructed on scientific principles. A vast amount of thought and attention has been bestowed in perfecting the various processes of manufacture, but the process of drying is in almost as crude condition as it was 100 years ago. The main object seems to be to get the drying-room as hot as it is safe to have it, and then place in it the material to be dried. One result of this plan is that fires in drying-rooms are of frequent occurrence, and for this reason the Boston Manufacturers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company has entered on a scientific investigation of the subject. The first report which had been made to its members is restricted to pointing out a few defects in the various systems now in use. For example, the opinion seems to be commonly received that if the air in a room is made sufficiently hot, and wet material is then put in, it will soon become dry, although no change of air may take place. Consequently, there is no attempt made to ventilate the room. Now, in reality, a cubic foot of air will hold

for a ticket to the nearest fixed star a foreseen. If this be the case, it matters very little to us whether such a railroad is ever constructed. It would be mighty discouraging to go to the ticket office with a mass of gold equal to \$3,800,000,000 and be informed that the fare was \$5,678,032,000. If the ticket agent wouldn't trust until we got back, we'd be compelled to forego the trip.

Fire Test of Iron Shutters.

The following account of the trial of some shutters by the Corrugated Metal Company, of East Berlin, Conn., is from one of the local papers, and contains points the perusal of which may be of interest to our readers:

In one corner of the yard was located a building about 10 feet square, with a 3 x 6 opening in each side, and into these were fitted the four different styles of fire-proof shutters manufactured by the company, viz.: Single and double-thick box doors, and a wood shutter door covered with tin. The inside of the building was completely filled to the top of the wall—about 10 feet high—with hard wood thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil and covered over the top with corrugated iron to confine the heat. The shutters were all placed in exactly the same exposure, and the fire was lighted. It soon began to burn fiercely, but for the first half hour it did not

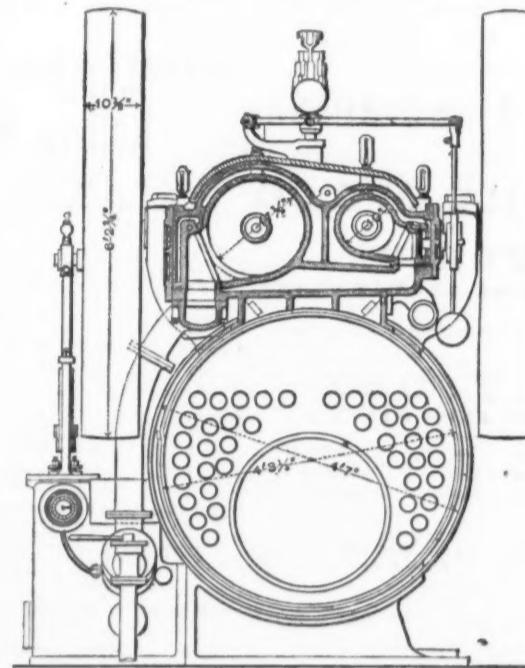


Fig. 3.—Vertical Section through the Cylinders.—See page 1.

only a given amount of moisture, this varying with the temperature. At 32° F. a cubic foot of air contains two grains of vapor, while at 97° F. of heat a cubic foot of air can contain about 18 grains of vapor. But this is its maximum limit, and when once that amount of moisture has been absorbed, the air is good for nothing for drying purposes, and the sooner it is let out the better. Where no special provision is made for its exit it has to work its way, as best it can, through the cracks in the room. In many cases this same air is drawn off, re-heated, and forced into the room again, on the mistaken theory that it is better than fresh, but cooler, air from the outside would be; but the effect of this is to send damp air to do what should be the work of dry air. Theoretically, the true principle would seem to be to refrigerate air, so as to deprive it of its moisture; then heat it and bring it in contact with the material that is to be dried, after which it may be allowed to escape, carrying its burden of moisture with it. In the investigation referred to, the practical method of doing this has not yet been determined, but it is hoped that a satisfactory and rational plan will be developed.

Among some tools found in a temple in Thebes was a square, which is the most satisfactory evidence we have of the early use of this instrument. From marks upon it, it has been estimated to have been made nearly 35 centuries ago. Since the arts in Egypt at that time were at the height of their development, the square must have been known for sometime previous, and therefore it is believed that the use of the square dates back not less than 4000 years. The square known to the ancients, and the tool with which they accomplished marvels of construction and calculation, was not, by any means, the square known to mechanics of the present day. This instrument as now employed, with blade and tongue and heel and the graduated lines which appear upon its surface, is an invention known only within a comparatively short time. The square, as an instrument, has been brought to its present state of perfection within a very few years.

The Ferracut Machine Company, Bridgeport, manufacturers of presses, dies and other sheet-metal tools, are extremely busy, running 60 men, with work on hand for three months ahead. Among other orders they have two from Russia for large power presses and dies, two from Germany, one from Australia, and an order for a large press and a lot of dies from the Japanese Government. They have just contracted to build 1000 patent soldering machines, which are to be made on the duplicate system, using in their manufacture limit gauges, &c., thus making all the parts interchangeable. They are also very busy with their regular canner's orders.

Astronomy, says the Norristown Herald, is a beautiful science. We are told that if a railway were run from the earth to the nearest fixed stars and the fare were one penny for every 100 miles, and if you took a mass of gold to the ticket office equal to \$3,800,000,000—it would not be sufficient to pay

show itself on any of the shutters, but so great was the heat the walls commenced cracking. The first signs of giving way under this severe heat were shown in about half an hour by the wood shutter covered with tin, which commenced to emit smoke and wood oil through the holes in the tin where the latches and stays were bolted on. The corrugated iron shutters at this time showed no effect of the heat, except the single-thick shutter, which became quite warm, so that the paint commenced to smoke. The box door was so cool that a person could hold his hand on it. At the end of an hour the wood shutter covered with tin, which had been for some time throwing off streams of smoke through the cracks, showed unmistakable signs of giving out, and had it not been for the heavy iron bands forming the outer frame it would have fallen from its place. The single thickness corrugated iron shutter was at the same time so hot that the paint was all burned off, and the others began to show the intense heat by the burning paint on the outside, but still held their places, and beyond the burning paint showed no signs of distress. It now became evident that the wood shutter covered with tin could not withstand this severe heat much longer, and soon the flames were seen to eat through it at the top, showing that the inside cover of tin had been burned off and the shutter as a fire protection was useless. The corrugated shutters held their places firmly and closely to the wall. At the end of three hours the fire had nearly subsided, and the shutters were all opened out for examination. On the inside of the wood shutter covered with tin, a large hole had been burned through the inside covering, and when the shutter was opened, about one-half of the inside woodwork dropped out, a mass of burned and charred wood. The shutter had evidently been held together by the wrought iron band about the outside, and the strap pieces forming the hinges, which were all firmly bolted through and through with large washers inside—a form of construction without which the shutter no doubt would have failed completely to do the duty. As it was, it came out of the fire in a very damaged and useless condition, while the corrugated iron shutters were apparently as good as new, except the single thickness shutter, which was warped very little on one lower corner, but not enough to allow the fire to leak through. The test was witnessed by several persons, but it is to be much regretted that it had not been more generally advertised, so that more of the large manufacturing companies, to whom fire-proof construction is such an important item, could have been represented. The test was very satisfactory indeed, since it showed the merits of corrugated iron shutters over wood covered with tin. For moderate exposure the wood shutters stood a good test. The building with the shutters still attached is to be left standing, so that parties interested in fire-proof shutters can see the results of the trial if they wish.

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To such an extent is this personal whim carried that there are few machine shops where there is a uniformity in shape of alterable tools; at every lathe and planer the tools differ in form or vary in temper—the workman is known by this peculiarity as much as by his personal name. There is no proper reason why this should be, any more than that each workman should alter the size and change the shape of rule or gauge. There are determinate and exact forms for turning and planing tools adapted to cast iron, wrought iron, steel and brass, and these forms, once ascertained, should be kept and used as standards for the shop. Models of tools should be kept for exemplars and no departure from these should be allowed except for special cause and for particular work.

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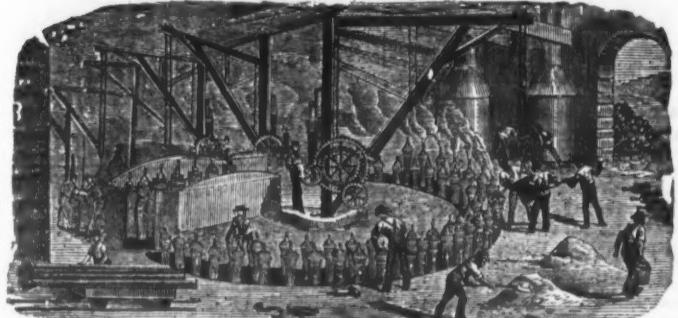
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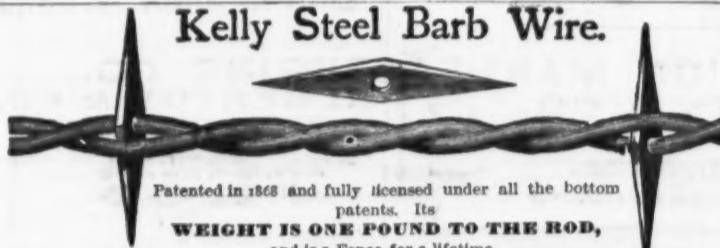
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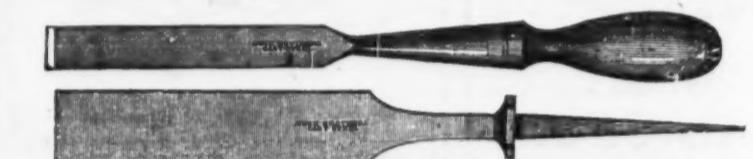
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The question of defense against fire obtains but little attention from those in charge of property, the whole matter being abandoned to the public fire departments, in a manner that is without parallel in shifting the other responsibilities of business. This is, indeed, a tribute to the efficiency of fire departments; and were not that portion of our local governments administered with extraordinary ability, our cities would constantly be ravaged by conflagrations.

PLANS OF ORGANIZATION.

There are numerous plans of fire organization, and the details differ with the condi-



Fig. 1.—Badge for Mill Fire Organization.

tions and administration of each establishment, but this principle is the salient point in all—giving instruction in the use of apparatus by actual trial and work, and not by precept only. The less talk and printing about the matter the better. The following plan has proved successful in practical application: Let each man in the fire organization be assigned to a particular class of duties, and when an alarm sounds let him go to his appointed position and then await orders. A printed card like the following should be posted in each room.

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ment. They will remember them and cool in case of actual fire, and if mistakes avoid the like the next time. Let this plan or a like one be adopted at every meeting, and the men will get the habit of doing their work easily and rapidly, and if the chief be present when a fire occurs he will not have to bawl and holler to a crazy crowd, who work hard and do nothing; and if absent he may feel that all will be done well if any call comes.

It is of the utmost importance that the watchmen, who may often constitute the whole force on the premises, should be specially drilled in the use of the apparatus and instructed what to do in case of fire. In smaller mills, where the number of repair hands or skilled mechanics is insufficient to form the whole of a fire company, some of the members must be selected from the operatives, and in such places it is frequently alleged that there is a difficulty in maintaining a fire organization in full numbers and efficiency because the help are changing so frequently. In other matters no such excuse was ever offered to justify the stopping of any profitable machine or process. In such a class of mills it has proved useful to furnish each member of the organization with a metal badge, about the size of a silver dollar (see Fig. 1), with the name of the mill and the wearer's position in the mill fire organization engraved upon it. This is ordinarily worn on the vest of the possessor, and in case he leaves the employment or even goes temporarily away from the neighborhood of the mill, this pin is given to his successor, or to his substitute for the time being. This plan continually reminds one of his duty, and secures a full organization always in the vicinity of the property.

WATER SUPPLY FOR FIRE PURPOSES.
It is a difficult task to determine the minimum limit of water supply for fire purposes; there is no maximum. In fact, those fires which are put out by water are generally extinguished by small quantities, but such general results do not grant a release of one from making arrangements for the largest possible amount of water. The fundamental axiom relating to mill water supply is not found in the works of Rankine or Weisbach, but Benjamin Franklin's aphorism, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." In different sources of supply, in different pumping apparatus, in different means of application, everything is in duplicate, so that an injury to a part will not disable the whole. There is no arbitrary standard of the quantity of water necessary for fire purposes. The most essential fire apparatus consists of pails of water. Their importance is shown by the fact that, as a matter of record of the losses in mills paid for by the insurance companies, twice as many fires are put out by pails as by any other means. These pails must be kept full and used for no other purpose whatever. The best fire pails are made of strong galvanized iron without covers, and they will last much longer if painted with hot coal tar or some of the asphaltum roofing compounds.

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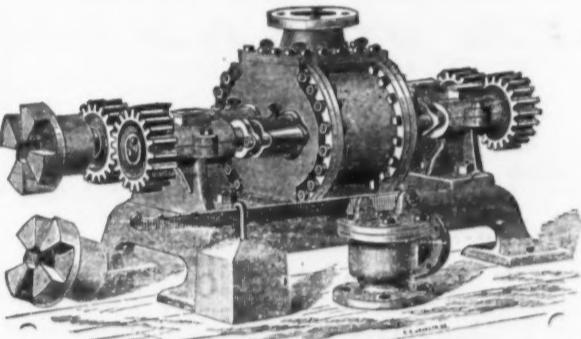


Fig. 2.—Rotary Pump and Connection.

ment. The overseers should not form a part of the organization, except to remain in their rooms, and there be subject to the orders of the chief. Now for the mode of working. At regular times for trials of apparatus, as every second and fourth Saturday in each of the warm months, let the clerks of companies summon a meeting of the men in the yard at an appointed hour. He may say "there is a fire in the repair shop, or at any other designated place. If the water wheels are running the wheelman, without any further orders, shuts down at once; the pump men put their pumps in gear, and the foremen of leading hose directs his men where and how much hose to connect, and as soon as he is ready the word is passed to the wheelman, and the pumps are started. Then, after the

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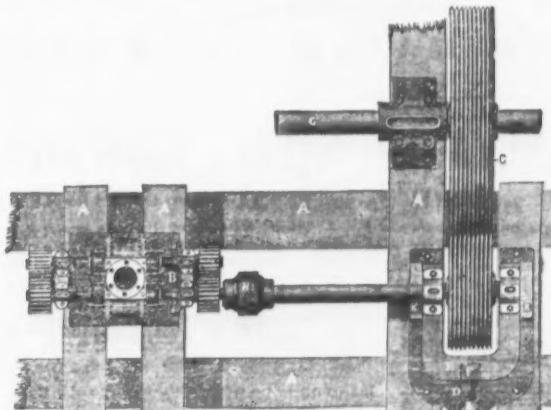


Fig. 3.—Friction Gearing for Rotary Pump.

original order is given, the chief leaves the men to do as their own judgement prompts them; and if they do it well, and get the water on the desired point without delay and without mistakes, it will make them feel confidence in themselves, and render them

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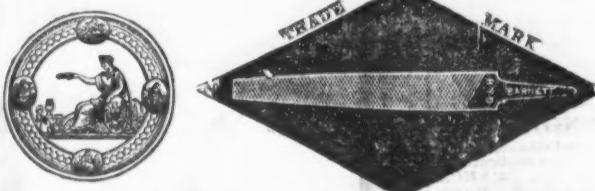
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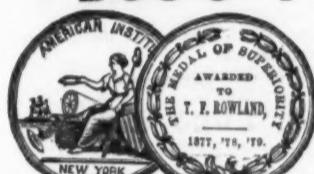
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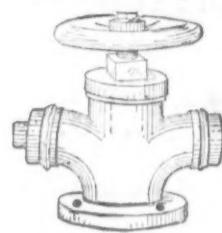


Fig. 4.—Double Hydrant.

be broken by the shock. With this apparatus the pump can be started without shock or jar with the wheel running at full speed.

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A rotary pump should have ample check valves in the force pipe, to prevent the water in the pipes turning the pump backward when the motive power is removed. Check valves are rarely of sufficient capacity. There should be a pet cock in the top of the pump, always left open when the pump is not forcing water, to enable the pump to force out the air. Many pumps will not operate at all times because they cannot force the air out by lifting the check valve. This is of the utmost importance in all ex-

pressions. Such a mishap could never happen to the well-kept steam fire engine of a city department, but it is of frequent occurrence in a country factory village, where the small boys run loose, and can give attention to such matters.

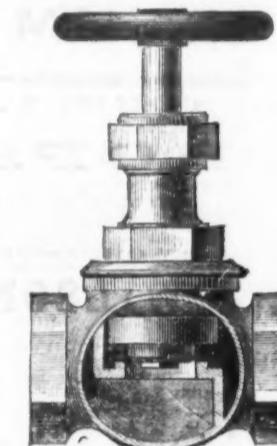


Fig. 7.—Side of Globe Valve Broken Out to Show Winding Passages and Sharp Corners.

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HYDRANTS.

The hydrant in general use is the common Y or branch hydrant, Figs. 4 and 5, and is not provided with any means of draining off the water when the hydrant is closed, and I suggest the advisability of boring a hole, about $\frac{3}{32}$ of an inch in diameter, through the shell of the hydrant just above the seat. When the pressure is on the pipes, water remains in the upper portion of such hydrants as were closed before the pipes were drained, and also forces its way into the upper portion of every hydrant that

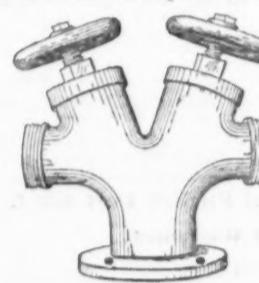


Fig. 5.—Double Valve Hydrant.

cept new rotaries, and it is to the lack of pet cocks that rotaries are so uncertain in their action. Sometimes they seem endowed with that "total depravity of inanimate things" which is a clause in the creed of many. It is unadvisable to use the rotary pumps for practice during freezing weather, but at such times the pumps should be moved by hand every week.

STEAM FIRE PUMPS.

Steam fire pumps differ from other pumps in the relative proportions which the steam cylinder bears to the pump, the diameter being 2 to 1, so that the steam pressure is to that of the water as 1 to 4, minus the friction of the whole machine. This qualifies the pump for efficient work when the steam pressure is very low, as it is apt to be during nights or Sundays. They are provided with large water passages and swing bolts or hand holes, so the interior can be examined at short notice. The first steam fire pumps were made by Frank Curtis, of Newburyport, after suggestions of Mr. Wm. B. Whiting, the vice-president and secretary of the Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The steam fire pump should be set so as to draw its supply from the wheel-pit, that it may be independent of the supply in the mill pond, and be used to empty the wheel-pit in case of repairs or renewals about the wheel. It is the general custom to use soft rubber valves in this class of pumps, but efficient, sure action is here paramount to the quiet, smooth operation of rubber valves. The refuse of lubricating oils, wool scouring and dyeing collect in the tail race

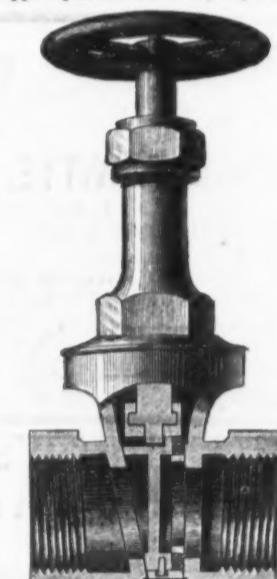


Fig. 8.—Jenkins' Straight-way Valve.

does not remain perfectly tight under the heavy pressure. The hydrants are generally tight enough to retain this entrapped water, and the hydrant caps prevent its evaporation. All valves, gates and connections should be easily accessible, and not placed in dark corners, closets or spaces under trap doors. When the purpose of the valve is not absolutely evident from its position and surroundings it should be labeled.

Yard hydrants should not be placed much nearer buildings than the height of the walls, so that a falling wall will not injure the hydrant. The covers of gate-pits should have handles high enough to be always visible above snow, before the paths are made. Stand pipes on the fire escapes of mills are not now in vogue, as experience has shown that any fire hot enough to drive men out of the room cannot be fought from the galleries in front of the windows. Where there are several buildings, Mr. Edward Atkinson's plan of pipes running to the roof and then fitted with a system of hydrants is very efficient. The base of these pipes should be connected with the mains by a gate or to the yard hydrants by hose coupled to the lower end of the stand pipe.

A vertical pipe should extend to the height

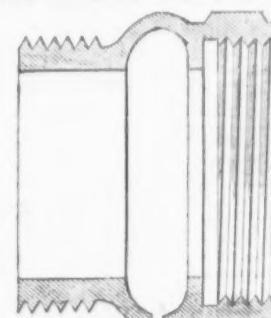


Fig. 6.—Section of a Drip Coupling.

of a mill. Many of these substances, especially oils, affect such soft rubber valves, sticking them to their seats so firmly that they can only be removed by cutting under with a thin knife. The ordinary substitute for soft rubber pump valves is brass, but

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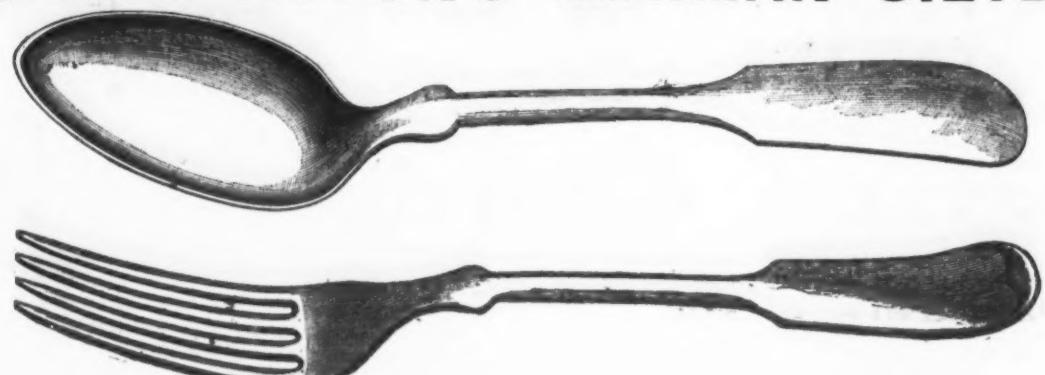
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of the porch tower, with hydrants at each story and on the roof. To each porch hydrant a length of hose should be connected and provided with a drip coupling, Fig. 6. It consists of a ring cast inside of the coupling, which suddenly diminishes the area of the opening, and any leakage of the hydrant first fills the space behind the ring, from which it flows through a small orifice, instead of wetting and destroying the hose. The hose should be doubled and wound upon a reel, beginning with the middle, so that one can take hold of the nozzle and run without being impeded by a snarled hose. After a system of water pipes and hydrants has been laid, it should be very thoroughly washed to remove the last traces of the sulphuric acid—"pickle"—used in cleaning the iron castings. This is often very imperfectly washed off, in the haste of manufacturing, and the writer has seen many instances where the new hose attached to porch hydrants in mills has been destroyed by this cause, where the leakage was so slight as to be imperceptible.

In some experiments which the writer made at Holyoke, a 2-inch globe valve reduced the water pressure from 80 to 40 pounds per square inch, while a straight-way valve substituted and operating under identical conditions of supply, reduced the pressure from 80 to 71 pounds per square inch. The section of a globe valve, Fig. 7, shows its irregular winding passage, giving a great frictional resistance to the delivery of water.

Never use a valve which is without an advancing stem; it is always perplexing not to know the position of the valve, and the disaster charged to inoperative valves are generally traceable to this cause or to left-hand valves. If beyond your power to replace the left-hand valves by right-hand valves, label them by an arrow, and the word "open" painted on a piece of tin fastened to the spokes of the hand-wheel of the valves. For straight-way valves the Jenkins and the Chapman furnish good examples. The Jenkins valve presents a full opening, Fig. 8; the advancing stem shows the position of the gate, and it is a right-hand

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The Ames Manufacturing Co. have finished the third bronze group which is to be placed on the Lincoln monument at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. The last group represents an artillery force, a group of infantry and sailors, together with a colossal statue of Lincoln, having been cast heretofore. The group weighs 4500 pounds. The work will be finished by the casting of a fourth, or cavalry group, which it will require a year to complete.

The glass works at Lenox are doing a large business, orders coming in for goods faster than they can be filled.

NEW JERSEY.

The large iron works of John F. Starr, at Camden, have been given into the hands of a committee of creditors, who will operate them until various pending contracts are finished, when some permanent arrangements will be made.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Beaver Falls Rolling Mill is putting up an addition for a gas furnace, the capacity of which will be equal to four ordinary puddling furnaces. If this one will do the work claimed for it, several others will be put up in the spring. The gas for fuel will be manufactured at the mill for their own use. The piston-rod of the large hammer was broken last week and sent to Alliance to be repaired. It will probably be back the middle of this week. An order has been received for several hundred tons of iron.

The Kutztown Furnace is being supplied with a double pair of cylinder boilers, and the stack is also being raised so as to be 75 feet high and 36 inches in diameter. A spare set of boilers was necessary, on account of the bad water supplied for the use of the boilers, making frequent cleaning of the boilers indispensable, and in order to clean them heretofore the stopping of the furnace was necessary, a proceeding attended with much risk. The furnace is owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, who are making the improvements. The boilers have been supplied by F. J. Ober, of the Union Boiler Works, Reading, who is also raising the stack.

Spearman Furnace was blown out on the 16th inst. Some repairs are contemplated, and this was thought a good time to make them, as considerable difficulty is experienced in getting coke, on account of the scarcity of cars and the blockade on the railroads, which are overburdened with freight.

The Glendower Rolling Mill has started up again.

It is said that the Greenville Rolling Mill is to be enlarged, and that by the 1st of January next it will give employment to 75 men.

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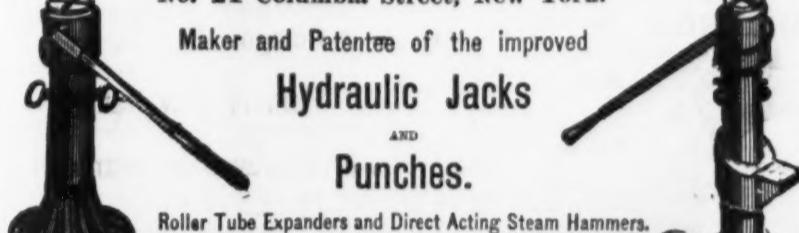
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It is essential that all hose couplings at an establishment be uniform, and desirable that they be like those of neighboring factories and the public fire department. If there is an unavoidable difference there should be a supply of reducing couplings in accessible places.

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Iron Lighthouses.—Two iron lighthouses are being erected by the United States Government, one of which, just completed, is situated at the White Rock, Narragansett Bay, where the steamer Rhode Island struck.

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The employees of the pipe mill of the Reading Iron Works, Reading, Pa., petitioned the company for an increase of wages, owing to the advance in prices of the necessities of life. A committee of the employees was invited into the office, and were told that their request would be granted, also that hereafter if any were dissatisfied with their wages they should come to the office individually, and not join in a general petition, and their requests would receive proper attention. The men who received here-

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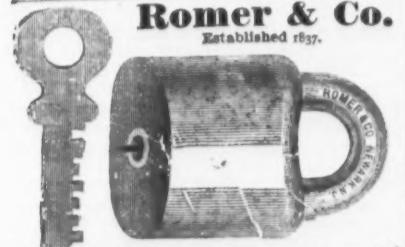
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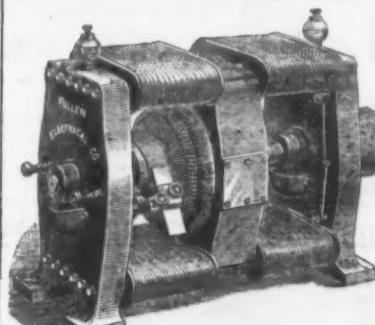
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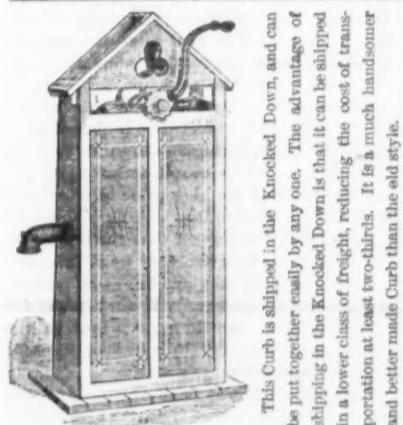


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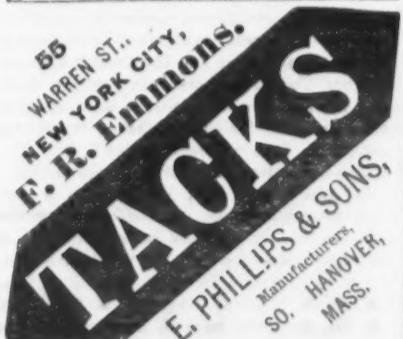
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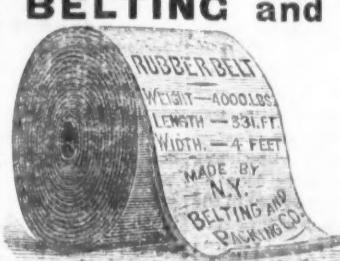
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there is too much of irresponsibility, both as regards construction and operation. It is not yet certain, for instance, in cases of gross negligence, whether the owner or the tenant of a building is liable, or the manufacturer of the apparatus. No one can feel any confidence that his life is safe while suspended at an unknown elevation between earth and heaven. In a single building in this city from 5000 to 7000 persons use the elevators daily, and in quite a number of stores and warehouses they are in constant use by crowds of people—the cages raising or lowering all they can hold at nearly every trip. If accidents were unknown, we could afford to rely upon the confident promises of makers, each of whom has some safety catch or guard in which he professes absolute faith. But accidents are frequent and fatal, and nearly every day adds a new one to the list of casualties from the fall of elevators. An enactment making the owner liable for the safety of elevators in his building, would probably meet the need better than any system of official inspection and licensing.

Steel Blooms.

A valued correspondent, referring to our editorial discussion in last week's issue of the late Treasury ruling relating to steel blooms, assures us that we are arguing from mistaken premises. He says: "The decision to find fault with is that of 1879, not the last one. Steel blooms should bear a duty of 2½ cents, and if all steel blooms should bear this duty, part of them certainly should. The last decision was right, as far as it goes, and we should accept it as such and try to get all blooms rated at 2½ cents." Our correspondent misunderstands us. We did not attempt to discuss what should be the proper duty on steel blooms. If the law authorizes their appraisement at 2½ cents per pound, good; if at 45 per cent, we are willing to accept it. The question of what the proper duty is was not raised in our editorial. But if the Treasury Department, after a hearing, decided—intelligently or otherwise—that 45 per cent. was the proper duty on steel blooms, Judge French has no right, two years later, to so limit the application of that decision as to make it relate only to one class or size of blooms, admitting them at 45 per cent., while blooms of other sizes, but in no other respect different, are charged 2½ cents per pound. We consider this an arbitrary and outrageous abuse of official power. Had he said that the Treasury Department, after careful consideration, had decided that the 1879 decision was wrong, and that after a certain date, giving reasonable time for the completion of contracts already made, the duty exacted on steel blooms would be 2½ cents, we should have said it indicated a much clearer conception of the meaning of the law than was shown in the 1879 decision. But this is not what was done. Judge French has permitted importers and consumers for two years to understand that the 1879 ruling was made in good faith, and the Treasury has accepted 45 per cent. duty as satisfactory on the blooms which are now arbitrarily changed into another and very different classification. If any blooms are entitled to come in under the 45 per cent. duty, all are; if no blooms are entitled to this low rate, there is no reason why the Treasury Department should rule that any are. That if all steel blooms should bear the 2½-cent duty, part of them certainly should, is at best only half the truth, and calculated to mislead. If all should bear this duty, none should be held dutiable at a lesser rate; if the lesser rate applies to any, it applies to all. We opposed the decision of Judge French in classifying blooms under the 45 per cent. rate, and have yet to hear of any logical defense of that ruling. If he is prepared to reverse it he could not do better; but to half undo a wrong may make it a greater wrong than it was in the first instance, and this is what has happened. Why the importer of a 7-inch or a 6 by 7-inch 600-pound bloom should have an advantage of \$36.90 per ton duty over the importer of a 3 by 5-inch bloom, weighing say 350 pounds, we cannot see. It is an injustice. When we consider it from the other standpoint, the fact that the importer of the lighter bloom is at a disadvantage as compared with the importer of the heavier bloom to the amount of \$36.90 per ton duty, it becomes an outrage. This is our position exactly. We do not know, and we do not care, what influences were brought to bear upon Judge French to induce him to make this unjust discrimination. The fact that he has made it justifies our comments of last week, which we do not need to assure any one interested would have been very different had Judge French simply reversed the ruling of 1879, and declared that hereafter steel blooms would be held dutiable at 2½%.

Our correspondent further says: "The importers are not so badly hurt as they pretend, for provision has been made in most contracts for just such a case as an increase of duty. I suppose you are also aware that this case came up on an appeal of Clark, Post & Martin, claiming 30 per cent, so the importers have only themselves to blame that an opportunity was given for the decision." Here are two statements which may well be called surprising. It is not true that all contracts for the importation of steel blooms have been made with a clause providing against a possible increase of duty; if any have, it is an amusing comment on the Treasury Department's administration of the

law. But whether the sufferers are many or few, and whether they are much or little hurt, counts for nothing. No man who does a legitimate business should have his ventures subject to the whims of the Treasury Department in changing or limiting, without notice, rulings accepted in good faith by government and people. Certainly it is no excuse for the Treasury Department that an opportunity was offered for such a reclassification of steel blooms by an appeal from an importing house for a lesser duty. This may have been an impertinence, but it is not the province of the Treasury to punish it by an act of injustice. The importers had a right to appeal; and to say that, because such an appeal was made, they have to thank themselves for Judge French's action, is to make a statement which should bring a hot flush to the cheeks of every American citizen who properly understands the position of a public servant in office. Who is Judge French that, because an importing house appeals from a duty demanded, he should put on the screws and make them and others in the same position pay the penalty of their presumption? To defend such an act is to aim blow at the whole system of protection. Its enemies need want no better weapons with which to attack it.

The Foreign Iron Markets.

For the last three or four weeks the foreign iron and mining markets have been quiet in all departments. There are, however, no indications of weakness; on the contrary, late advances have been well maintained, and the present state of affairs must be attributed to other causes. So far, it must be admitted, the demand for iron has not assumed anything but ordinary dimensions, although a gradual improvement is expected in the heavy trades, and we shall not be surprised to witness even a sudden increase of activity. From our latest English correspondence the reader will have observed that business at Sheffield is steadily progressing, abundant orders being easily obtainable by the local steel works, foundries and forging mills. For many months during the period of depression work was exceedingly scarce, and many ironworkers were obliged to leave the neighborhood and seek employment elsewhere. Now, however, the increased activity in nearly all departments of the large works has considerably brightened the prospects of the workingman. The demand for Derbyshire pig is steadily increasing, and the Wingerworth Iron Company and Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Company are sending out large quantities at firmer prices. Bessemer billets find a ready sale, although the quotations are stiffer, and for best qualities of tool steel there is a growing inquiry. Makers of Bessemer are fully employed, and find it difficult to satisfy their customers, so numerous are the uses to which this kind of steel is applied. Notwithstanding the large output of Bessemer, makers of crucible are pleased to find their manufacture is no glut in the market, and there is, especially for crucible steel castings, a very good market. In the light branches the improvement is almost equally gratifying. Saws, edge tools, and files are going off well, and the cutlery houses are doing a capital trade, more particularly for best descriptions of table cutlery and pocket knives. The Glasgow pig iron market opened quiet at the beginning of the month, but soon became firm, and prices ran up to the extent of 4d. per ton. Makers' iron was rather slow in demand, and parcels changed hands at prices considerably below the official quotations. The shipments for the season were fair, but, on the whole, the export demand for all countries was on a rather restricted scale. On the other hand, the home trade continued excellent in all its various branches. Liverpool indications show that business is on a sound and steady basis, and though prices do not advance much, there can hardly be any relapse in them, except where a few weak speculators throw themselves on the market. Cumberland reports state that, despite the success of the basic method of producing steel, there is a very large extension of the hematite iron trade, late improvements being fully maintained. Out of 81 furnaces erected from Carnforth along the coast by Barrow to Maryport, there are 60 blowing, and it is believed that others are being prepared to be blown in. Despite the fact that the Spanish ore delivered in Cumberland is higher in price than that from the local mines, there is a considerable importation, and this shows the largeness of the demand. In the Northeast there is a growing production of iron from imported ores, chiefly Spanish or Elban, and when the cheapness of delivery and of fuel is borne in mind, it will be seen that the growth has solid foundation. In South Wales the manufacture, under similar conditions, is growing, and in Scotland, where it has been more recently introduced, it is also showing signs of vigor. Unquestionably this is in part due to the large demand for steel rails; but it is also contributed to by the fact that there is a growing use for Bessemer steel for purposes daily widening, and in some of which it infringes on the field that had been occupied once exclusively by steel made by some of the older processes; and as with this enlarged production there is greater cheapness—partly because there are improvements and economies in the process, and partly because of the increased competition

among the makers—it is to be expected that the area of use will continue to be widened, and that, though the demand has recently arisen for steel rails may not continue, the widening use will give to the producers a full field for the disposal of the produce of their converters.

How far the English demand for foreign ores may be interfered with by the adoption of the basic process cannot yet be determined, but the figures and facts produced at the recent meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute seem to point to the growth of the process. The initial difficulties have taken much time to overcome; but as the process extends there will also be an attempt to not only improve it but also to cheapen it; and it will be when this is attempted that the competition will arise between Bessemer and basic metal. Meantime, the production of hematite increases, and it is likely still further to increase in the immediate future.

In Northamptonshire the steady improvement in the price of pigs appears now to be a well established fact. At the present time but little is being done, the majority of ironmasters having sold their make at good remunerative prices up to the end of the year, and in some instances beyond, at higher prices than those for immediate delivery. The general impression is that present prices will continue for some months.

What may be the result of more furnaces being started in the district and in the adjoining counties, no one can conjecture, particularly as at no far distant day the arrangement now in force for a reduction of 12½ per cent. on the make of common iron in the North will expire. These circumstances combined may prevent further advance, which may be an advantage to the general trade of the country, past experience having taught that very high prices in the long run are not profitable. Ores continue in moderate request at the old price—which is low, and must continue so, except more furnaces are blown in than are now anticipated. The Lancashire iron market remains dull, with very little inquiry, and there is a disposition on the part of second-hand holders to take less money, but makers are still firm, and the actual trade of the district continues in a healthy condition. A considerable proportion of the work is on foreign account, and this is of a very varied description, including orders from France and the Continent generally, China, the Colonies, and the United States, the number of American inquiries having been quite a noticeable feature of late. Reports from other parts of England agree very nearly in regard to steady prices and general quietness of the markets.

In Germany the condition of the iron markets is good; nearly all the products show a more or less marked increase in value, and the influx of new orders will lead to a further advance in rates. Statistics have been issued relative to the production of the Dortmund district, from which it would appear that 219,300 tons of pig iron were made in the third quarter of this year, as compared with 220,000 in the first quarter of 1881, and 205,000 tons during the third quarter of 1880. As regards finished iron, 122,500 tons were made last quarter, against 118,000 tons in 1880, or an increase of 4,500 tons. The output of steel was 210,000 tons, against 167,000 tons, or 52,000 tons increase on last year. All the steel works are fully occupied. The Gutehoffnung, of Oberhausen, has obtained an order for 10,000 tons of blooms for the United States. At Breslau the Rhine Steel Works, of Ruhrtal, have divided with Hoerde and M. Fred Beyermann, of Hagen, a lot of 2000 tons of rails at £7. 8/- per ton, while the Gutehoffnung obtained the order for 217 tons of fish plates at £6. 14/. The Phoenix Company and the Union at Dortmund have received an order for 1630 tons of hoops at Strasburg. At Utrecht, an order for 5000 tons of rails has been given to the Rhine Steel Works at Ruhrtal, and 350 tons of fish plates to M. Dopplet, of Maestricht. At Hanover, M. Gossens, of Aix, has taken a considerable order for wagons. The Vulcan Company, at Stettin, has secured an order for 32 locomotives and tenders for the Upper Italian Railway Company. At Dortmund, great animation is reported in the iron trade, and bars have been advanced, being now offered at £6. 5/- to £6. 8/- Joists have risen 3/- to 5/- per ton, though the demand is rather less active on account of the late period of the year. Plates and wire are in excellent request, and the deliveries thereof are very good.

In France recent improvements continue, and a further rise in prices is firmly maintained. Le Fer reports that the dominant tone in the French iron markets is one of firmness. The works are fully occupied, and proprietors have no difficulty in selling at present prices. The demand for plates is very strong, both for the shipyards and the boiler makers. The shipyards have been steadily extended lately, and there is also a good request for bolts and rivets used therewith. Chains are in equally good demand, these being required for the numerous new steamers which have been bought since the vote was passed for the payment of a bounty. In the Ardennes the demand is so good that prices have been advanced to 185 francs for merchant iron. The nail works are well employed, but the hand-made nails are rapidly being abandoned for the machine-made article. The demand for railway materials is very strong. The new companies—A. Genot, at Nonzon, and Charles Brezol & Co., at Charleville—have secured

full complements of orders. It is announced that the Terrenoire Company are about to erect a new blast furnace for ferromanganese at their Bessèges works, and it will be very well situated there, for nearly all the manganese ores come by way of the Mediterranean.

The market for Belgian iron has fully maintained its firmness, and the demand, especially for bars and nail rods, has been in no way abated. All the manufacturers are fully supplied with contracts, and the orders, instead of diminishing, appear to be increasing. The exports are of larger extent. The prices are lower than they should be looking at the demand, but producers are accepting little new work. One of the principal of the Charleroi manufacturers has had offers of 5000 tons during the past month, but has only accepted an order for 500 tons. Pig iron has already commenced to advance, and at Charleroi 60 francs to 62 francs has to be paid for best qualities, and 55 francs for ordinary qualities. Merchant iron is 130 francs; joists, 150 francs; and angles, 155 francs. As regards coal, the output in 1880 was 1,913,670 tons, while in 1880 it was 4,485,531 tons.

In Austria an agitation is being carried on to have the duty on pig iron raised, and there is a probability of this concession to native industry being granted by the Government. Late the great iron producers, who are raising a cry for higher duty, have been supported by the proprietors of coal mines, who hope that the price of their product—coke—

sympathy to Ireland were passed, and the Committee on Platform then reported. After a preamble setting forth the right of labor to organize, and the benefits to be derived from a labor congress, there were a number of resolutions asking for laws allowing the incorporation of trade unions, and forbidding the employment of children under 14 years of age in factories, &c.; the enforcement of the eight hour law; the abandonment of contract convict labor; the abolition of truck or store order pay for work; the passage of a law making a workman's claim for wages first lien on a building; repeal of the conspiracy laws; formation of a national bureau of labor statistics; that railroad land grants, forfeited by reason of non-fulfillment of contract, should be immediately reclaimed by the Government, and henceforth the public domain reserved exclusively as homes for actual settlers; that Congress should adopt such laws as shall give to every American industry full protection from the cheap labor of other countries; the passage of a law by the United States to prevent the importation of foreign labor under contract; a recommendation to all trades and labor organizations to secure proper representation in all law-making bodies by means of the ballot, and to use all honorable measures by which this result can be accomplished. All this was carried, although the passing of the tariff resolution involved much discussion.

On Friday, the fourth and last day, resolutions were passed recommending the entire prohibition of Chinese immigration, the prohibition of manufacture of cigars in tenement houses, and several rules regarding the routine business of the convention. At the afternoon session the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That we demand strict laws for the inspection and ventilation of mines, factories, and workshops, and sanitary supervision of all food and dwellings.

Resolved, That strict laws be enacted making employers liable for all accidents resulting from their negligence or incompetence to the injury of their employees.

The Congress then adjourned finally, after agreeing to meet at Cleveland on the third Tuesday of November, 1882.

Fire Protection of Mills.

Losses by fire, no matter how we may regard them, are so much deducted from the wealth of the country. They represent so much labor wasted, and though the individual may obtain the amount of his insurance from a company, there has been a loss to the country's resources equal to or exceeding that amount. Most men realize this, and our manufacturing readers more than any other class. At the recent meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York, Mr. C. J. H. Woodbury, of Boston, read a paper upon the fire protection of mills which was full of the most valuable instruction for the manufacturer. In another part of this issue we give extracts from the paper, and present many of the cuts by which it was illustrated. Though largely intended for cotton mill practice, the principles laid down, the suggestions made and the directions given are those which must of necessity be applicable to buildings of any class in which manufacturing is going on. The spaces devoted to the fire organization of mill operatives should be read by every one who has a factory. They are full of what our Western friends so pertinently call "horse sense." They appeal at once to the practical man. No one who operates a manufacturing establishment of any kind should fail to read the article attentively, and, having read it, at once attend to its suggestions.

Few mills can be named that do not have a considerable fire apparatus, except, perhaps, those in our large cities, where dependence is placed upon the paid departments; yet in how many of these mills could a stream of water, or a painful even, be got upon a given point within a reasonable time if an alarm of fire should be given. If a superintendent wishes to experiment with the workings of his fire department, let him light a few bunches of cotton waste in an ash-can in some corner of the mill, cry fire, and await the result. He will soon find out who are the cool-headed men, and he will also find out whether there is any value in his system. Excitement on the part of the watchman, when trying to start the pump at night, may be the cause of losing the use of the pump. Ignorance or forgetfulness as to the position of the fire extinguishers, may make an insignificant fire assume large proportions.

The suggestions made by Mr. Woodbury in regard to fire doors are very valuable, and in all cases where there are iron doors of this kind they should be at once replaced by incased wood. The cost of the latter form of door is very little, and their value is so much greater that no comparison can be made between the two. The subject of automatic sprinklers is one which will be a novelty to many of our readers. Their value, however, has been well tested. There are many mills, other than cotton or woolen factories, where they can be adopted to advantage, as, for example, in dry rooms, varnish and oil rooms, elevator shafts, points where hot flues approach woodwork, &c. There is no small satisfaction in knowing that within 20 or 25 seconds from the time a fire starts these sprinklers will be throwing a stream of water upon the flames. A judicious use of such appliances would doubtless greatly de-

crease the amount of premium asked upon any ordinary factory building. Little consideration is needed to show how greatly the risk is reduced by an automatic apparatus of this kind, which begins to discharge water upon a fire as soon as the heat has reached a certain degree, without the necessity of any outside attention. The advantages of such an apparatus are so obvious, and the field for application so great, that we shall be surprised if the automatic sprinkler is not found before long in almost every shop and store. We shall watch with much interest for the publication of Mr. Woodbury's book, now in press, by John Wiley & Sons, publishers, to whom we are indebted for advance sheets, in which he will treat at some length many subjects that we have not space to mention.

The financial strength and restless enterprise of our leading capitalists are strikingly shown by the noiseless progress which is making in the construction of new trunk lines of railway between the Atlantic seaboard and Chicago. There are no less than six of these, to be completed within the next two years, at an expenditure of something like \$65,000,000, most of which has already been secured by private subscription. It is not unlikely that the so-called "railroad wars" have been instigated to some extent by a desire to discourage the prosecution of these works. If so they have failed. Three of the lines referred to will have their terminus at Jersey City, viz.: The New York, West Shore and Buffalo, ending near the tunnel at Weehawken, with branches from Athens and Cornwall; the New York, Lackawanna and Western, and the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago, the last mentioned including the Central New Jersey and its connections in Pennsylvania. In addition we have the New York, Chicago and St. Louis, the Chicago and Atlantic, and the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western, all of which are being made complete by supplying intermediate sections or missing links. If we bear in mind the embarrassments of the past few months, arising from inadequate means of transportation—the "freight blockade" and the chronic complaint of a lack of cars—it will be seen that the capitalists who are now seeking profitable investment, as above described, have moved none too soon.

The expressed determination of the Mayor of Cincinnati to strictly enforce the law requiring commercial travelers to license before doing business in that city, is not likely to cause as much trouble as was intended or expected. In fact, the courts have sat upon this intended crusade very effectively. In the case of the city of Cincinnati vs. E. W. Barnes, charged with selling goods by sample without a license, Judge Higley rendered a decision dismissing it. The defendant is an agent for the sale of wringers, who solicits orders at private residences with a sample machine. The opinion of the Court recites all the several ordinances that have been in force and repealed, and concludes that the only one now in force is that of 1845, which simply provides for licensing hawkers and peddlers, and for penalties against those selling without license. This ordinance evidently has no application whatever to those who solicit trade by sample. Therefore the solicitation of trade by commercial travelers within the city may be prosecuted without any license or other limitation. No doubt the Mayor is sorry, but even so great a man as the Mayor of Cincinnati must respect the law as the courts interpret it.

The Quarterly Review (England) has found out that the earth is a vast secondary battery that only needs tapping in a certain way—which is left for the Society of Telegraph Engineers to find out—to get an unlimited supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes. To tap it in some way would do good, for the Quarterly refers to this stored-up electricity as the cause of all earthquakes, Mallot, De Beaumont, Scropes, Lyell, Hopkins, Hilgard and others notwithstanding.

The Erie Basin Dry Docks, leased by Wm. Cramp & Sons, and equipped with machinery for handling the largest vessels, are nearly finished. One section will be ready for business about November 20, and the second section about January 1. These docks are located at South Brooklyn, and will afford means for the repair of crippled ocean steamers, long needed at this port.

There arrived in Canada last September 8203 emigrants, but nearly two-thirds of them came across the border into the United States and settled here. The Canadians complain greatly of this constant drain of population, but it goes on all the same.

According to the St. Catharine's Journal, the machinery of the Welland Canal locks is so complicated that vessels are not considered safe in passing through, except under direction of an experienced engineer. Those "locks" must be fearfully and wonderfully made.

The Duryea blow-pipe furnace, for the production of wrought iron directly from the ore by the use of petroleum fuel, is, it is stated, making a success at the experimental works in Toledo, Ohio. It is said that an average of 40 gallons of petroleum makes one ton of wrought iron.

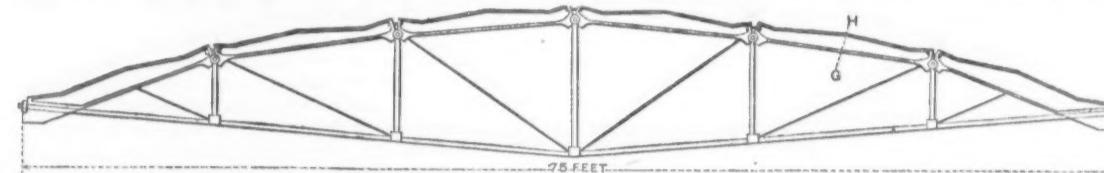
New Form of Cast Iron Girder.

Mr. P. H. Jackson, of San Francisco, Cal., has recently invented a form of cast-iron girder which appears to be worthy of the most careful consideration by engineers and builders. Recently tests of these girders were made at the Pacific Rolling Mills, and very remarkable and interesting results obtained. In a late number of the *Mining and Scientific Press* full particulars of these tests were given. We reproduce from that paper the engravings of the new girder in various forms. The object in the construction was, of course, to utilize the tensile strength of the wrought iron and the crushing resistance of cast iron. To avoid certain difficulties always encountered in the use of

Weight of arch casting, 3080 pounds, at	\$100.00
Weight of tie-rods and nuts, 92 pounds, at	45 cents
Fitting four bolts and lead	40.50
Drayage and painting	3.00

and their faculty of being instantly available, before steam could be raised in the best steam fire engine boiler, is held to compensate for the additional cost of working during the brief periods for which they alone would be required. They are said to give much satisfaction, and the theater-going public have great confidence in the safeguards from sudden fires thus provided.

Bending Copper Pipes by Hydraulic Pressure.—Messrs. W. Collier & Co., Manchester, England, have in hand a new machine for bending copper pipes by hydraulic pressure on a set of blocks. The pipes, which are first filled with lead, are put into the machine across two blocks, which can be



New Form of Cast Iron Girder.—Fig. 1.

cast and wrought iron in the same structure, the compression member is made in sections, which are enumerated by means of cylindrical bearing surfaces. The use of several pieces in the cast-iron member reduces the difficulty of casting, especially when the pieces are large, and at the same time reduces the dangers which may arise from unequal strain during cooling.

Figure 1 represents a girder of 75 feet span. It gives a general idea of the form given to cast-iron portions, as well as the proportions of the different parts. The sections are connected by a knuckle joint, shown in detail in Fig. 2. In this case the ends of the arch are made with sockets, and the head or top of the strut is cylindrical. As the bottom portions of the ends of the arch inclose the head of the strut, as at B, the arch itself cannot rise when unequally loaded, as it would be inclined to do under some circumstances. Fig. 3 shows a side view of a strut, or rather a view in the direction of the length of the girder. Its width is increased to give lateral stability. Sections of the tie-rods, three in number, are shown at the bottom. Fig. 4 shows another form of strut, together with a section of the cast-iron portion of the girder. It is a section at A B of the girder shown in Fig. 5. The lower flange, it will be noticed,

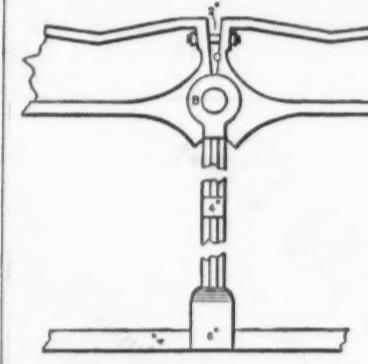


Fig. 2.

is 15 inches wide, while the web is but 1 1/4 inches deep, and the upper flange only 3 1/4 inches wide, barely enough to impart stiffness to the short member. Fig. 5 shows an end view of a girder, and Figs. 6 and 7 two forms of the knuckle joint. That in Fig. 7 is the same that was employed in an experimental girder recently tested in San Francisco. This (see Fig. 8) girder had a span of some 23 feet, and was tested very severely. In putting it together sheet lead was placed in the joints, to give a good bearing and obviate the necessity of finishing them. The *Mining and Scientific Press* gives the following account of the girder and the tests just mentioned:

Length, 25 feet; distance between supports, 23 feet 2 inches; height from bottom of tie to under side of arch, 2 feet 3 inches. The cross section of arch (see Fig. 4) was 6 1/2 inches wide by 1 1/2 inches thick at bottom, and the greatest height to inches. Two of 2 1/2 inch diameter wrought-iron tie-rods sustained the tensile strain. Fig. 7 shows the knuckle joint, the round cast on the center piece, and the socket cast on end pieces, and with the strut cast on same piece, this latter resting on the bottom on the tie-rods. Fig. 5 shows end of girder. At the top of the arch will be seen a space of 1 1/4 inches. Whatever may be the deflection, no parts of the arch, excepting the knuckle joint, touch,

the drawings from which we copy as we could wish, but those which are shown are well worked out.

Gas Engines at the Frankfort Opera House.

In order to guard the Opera House at Frankfort from all danger of fire, there have been established in the basement of a neighboring building two pumps, capable of raising 66,000 gallons of water per hour to a height of 60 feet. The motive power for these is furnished by two Otto gas engines of 50 horse-power each, placed beside the pumps and driving them by means of a shaft with friction gearing, which permits the working of one or both engines at a time. During performances in the house, one of these motors is kept slowly running out of gear, so that on the first alarm being given, a very few seconds only need elapse before all the machinery is in action. The consumption of gas for both engines when in full work is about 2540 cubic feet per hour; when out of gear it is only about 175 cubic feet per hour for one engine. The gas service pipe is 6 inches in diameter, reduced to

Fig. 5.

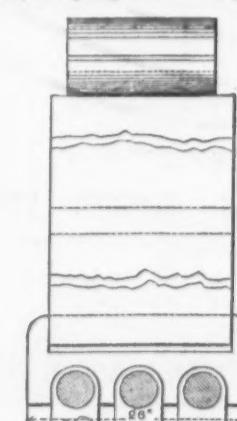


Fig. 3.

so that compression is only exerted on the line of the bottom flange. The cross-section of arch (see Fig. 4) is of the Hodgkinson form for straight girder and made to sustain a 16-inch brick wall; consequently, from its broad bearing for the wall, it is largely in excess in comparative resistance to the tensile capacity of the rods. The following is the cost of this girder in San Francisco, where materials and labor are higher than in the Eastern cities:

4 1/2 inches after branching off to the first engine. There is no special meter employed for this service, but a counter is provided to register the number of times gas is admitted to the cylinders, the volume of which was previously determined. The cylinders are cooled by a supply of water under pressure, the warm water returning to the reservoir. The products of combustion are taken away by a common pipe which communicates, through a depositing chamber, with the outer air. These are said to be the largest gas pumping engines in existence,

stricken blind altogether, it would be quite impossible not to distinguish the signal from other lights, and be thus placed on guard. The adoption of the new signal by railways generally would undoubtedly do away effectively with a large amount of those accidents which seem now to be absolutely un-

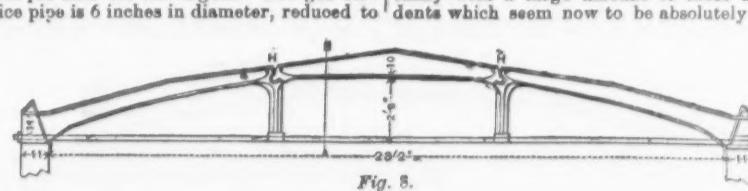


Fig. 8.

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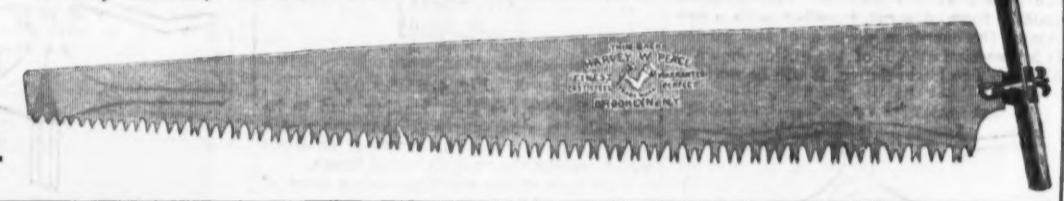
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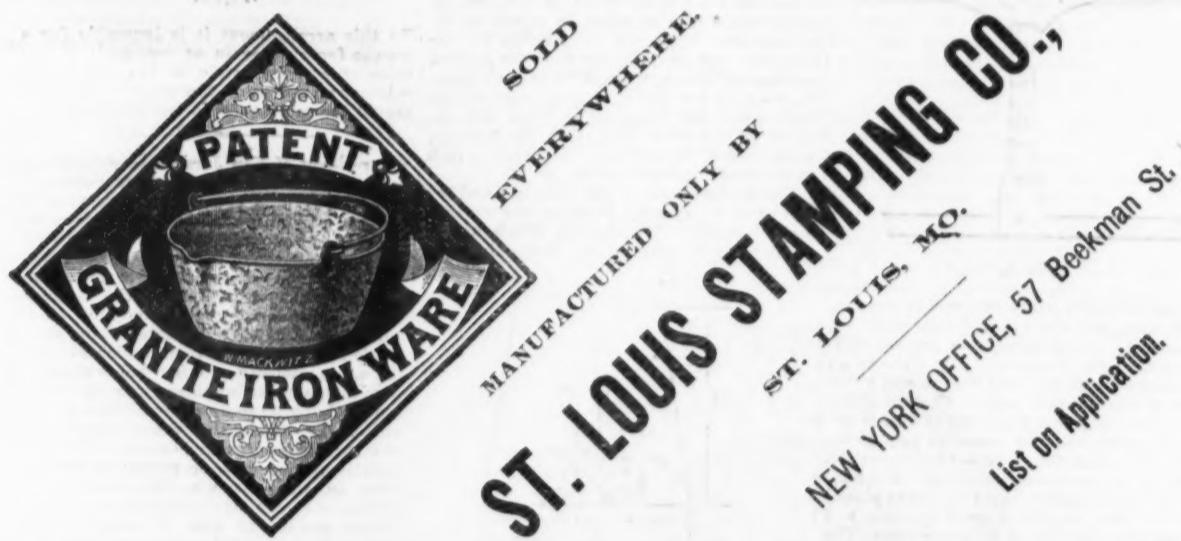
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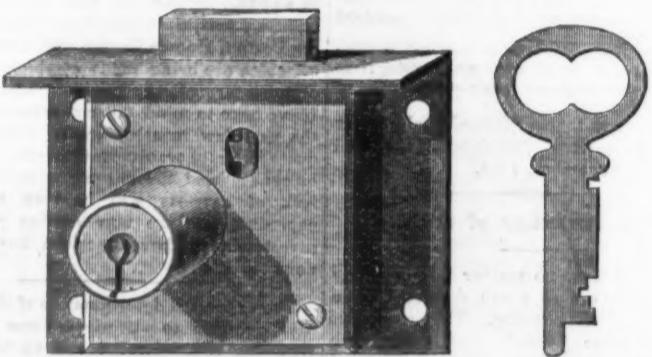
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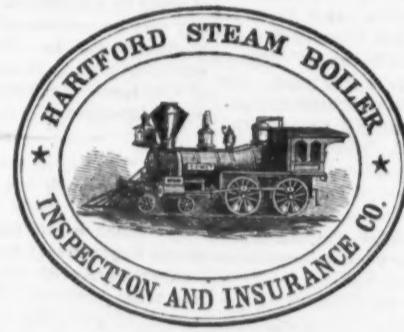
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Decorative Cut Metal Work.

Below we give illustrations of the use of cut metal work, which formed a conspicuous feature of the Paris Exposition of 1878. The perforating of metal for decorative, ecclesiastical and domestic purposes by means of a machine saw, is one of the curiosities of Parisian industry. Some attention is being given to this same subject by American architects and American manufacturers, and therefore the description of what has been done in France cannot fail to be of material interest to our readers. The achievements of a small steel instrument working through dense sheets of metal, piled one on top of another, have been compared by a French critic to the easy action of a knife cutting through a roll of butter. Almost as extraordinary as the facility of a block of iron or plate of copper, or brass, or steel, are the numerous designs or purposes to which metal is applied. From the specimens of work exhibited, it would seem that nothing is required, from a memorial glass or palace gate, from a door panel or Gothic gate, or from a jewel box to a fender, that cannot be produced in metal work of this style by the aid of the instrument above referred to. Some of the smallest articles, such as monograms, are manufactured almost as minutely as hair work, and beautiful flowers are also produced in the same way. Not a little of this class of work has already been employed in the architecture of Paris. The whole facade of the Gymnasium Theater has been ornamented with ironwork in this manner. We regret that as yet no description of the machine which is used to produce this work has reached us. All that has been written upon the subject, so far, has been in de-

cuted for the city of Paris, are the entrance doors of the memorial monument of Bourget, the communion rails and chapel gate of St. Ambroise Church, and decorative work at the Gymnasium Theater, already mentioned. We also learn that private orders of a no less sumptuous nature have been executed for the residences of the Rothschilds, and for a very large dry-goods establishment in Paris; also for the residence of the ex-Queen of Spain, and for one of the most prominent confectioners of that city.

Figs. 2, 3 and 4 of our illustrations convey some idea of the variety of uses to which perforated metal work may be applied. Fig. 2 represents the panels in a door treated in this way. The upper panels show the metal work used over glass, while the lower panels in the door to the left show its application over wood. A screen pattern is shown in Fig. 3, and a fire-screen pattern complete is shown in Fig. 4.

The Boston Exhibitions.

During September and October a number of industrial and mechanical exhibitions were in progress throughout the country, some of which deserve more than passing notice. At one of them special efforts were made to present such a display of building materials and appliances as would be of interest and value to architects, builders and house owners generally. None of them were lacking in features the careful study of which would be to the advantage of all mechanics in the building trades. Although these fairs are instituted primarily for advertising purposes, their value as educators is hardly second in importance. A

such items as models of drainage systems, water-closets, disinfecting apparatus and plumbers' supplies generally; heating, ventilation and hygienic establishments. Comfort and Convenience was to include elevators, pumps, communication, which was explained to mean speaking tubes and telephones; safety, meaning fire escapes, automatic hatchways, &c.; lighting, including chandeliers, gas fixtures, gas machines, electric lights, &c. The last group, Decoration, was to embrace interior finish, including wall papers, tiles, furniture, hangings, &c. This programme, had it been successfully carried out, would have presented an exhibit of building materials not exceeded in importance by anything which has

while the peculiar construction of the roof imparts to the whole an appearance of lightness and grace which well befits the purpose for which it was intended. The architect of this structure was Mr. Alden Frink, assisted by Messrs. Grafton & Forbes, engineers. The iron roof was erected by D. H. Andrews, and the mason-work was under the control of J. H. Coon. Leach & Harney supplied the foundations, while Messrs. Greeley & Noyes furnished the wood-work of the building. While the two exhibitions in some senses were rivals, the displays in very few cases were duplicates, and had the two formed one large exhibit, the display would undoubtedly have been better than anything that has ever been seen in

Chicago, was conspicuous at the fair of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, because it was the only one making a display of fire-proofing systems. The exhibit was one of the most complete and most to the purpose of any contained in the fair. It showed the various applications of the process peculiar to this company by means of full-sized models of construction. Floor, walls, mansard roof, ceiling, and the manner in which iron columns are protected by the construction employed by this company were well illustrated. An examination of this exhibit caused one to feel how other exhibitors had failed to comprehend the possibilities of the occasion, and to keenly regret their lack of enterprise.

The New Tay Bridge.

The plans of the proposed new Tay Bridge, prepared by Mr. W. H. Barlow, C. E., are now being exhibited at the North British Railway offices, Edinburgh, for inspection by intending contractors. The new bridge, which is to be built on the girder principle, will commence on the south side, about 16 feet west of the former bridge. At this end four brick arches are shown next the shore, each having a span of 50 feet. The girder work then commences with a span of 118 feet from center to center of the piers, and is continued with 10 spans of 120 feet, and thirteen of 145 feet from center to center of the piers, until navigable portions of the channel are reached. Here there are 13 wider spans, 11 being 215 feet each and two 227 feet each. Of these spans the first four are carried to the greatest height of the structure, and give 77 feet of clear headway above high-water mark. From this point the line of the bridge commences to fall toward the north, or Dundee side, at a gradient of 1 in 114, there being one span of 162 feet, ten of 129 feet 6 inches, and one of 127 feet 6 inches. These spans carry the bridge on to the commencement of the curve toward Dundee, and 25 more, each 71 feet, take the structure to the side of the proposed extension of the esplanade. Several other spans take the bridge on to the point where it is run into the level of the existing arches. The bridge is to be constructed for a double line of rails throughout. The foundations in the river bed will be formed of two wrought-iron cylinders, placed at a distance of 26 feet apart from center to center, and filled with concrete. These cylinders rise to the height of within 2 feet of low-water mark, where brick will be used, filled in also with concrete. This brickwork is to be the height of

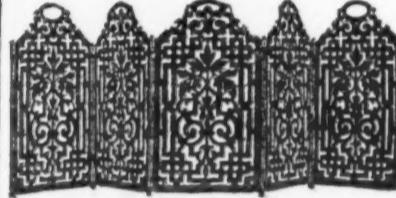


Fig. 2.

ever appeared in this country. It was not, however, successfully carried out. Odd exhibits belonging to each of the several groups named were to be found in various parts of the exhibition building, but nothing like a complete display in any one of the departments was to be met. The reasons for this were obvious upon a moment's reflection. At the present time the building business is experiencing an unwonted activity. People in the trade have no time for exhibiting their goods for the mere benefit likely to be derived in an educational way, and they are so full of orders that in many cases they do not care to exhibit them for advertising purposes. It would seem, therefore, that a complete array of the materials and appliances entering into buildings at the present day is hardly possible to gather together except in the way of establishing a museum. Detached portions may be found at any of the fairs, and the exhibition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association showed scarcely more than would have been displayed had not this special programme been arranged. Nevertheless the effort put forth was a creditable one, and should it be repeated at some future time we trust it will be more successful.

Two rival fairs at Boston have served to divide the interest of citizens and visitors.

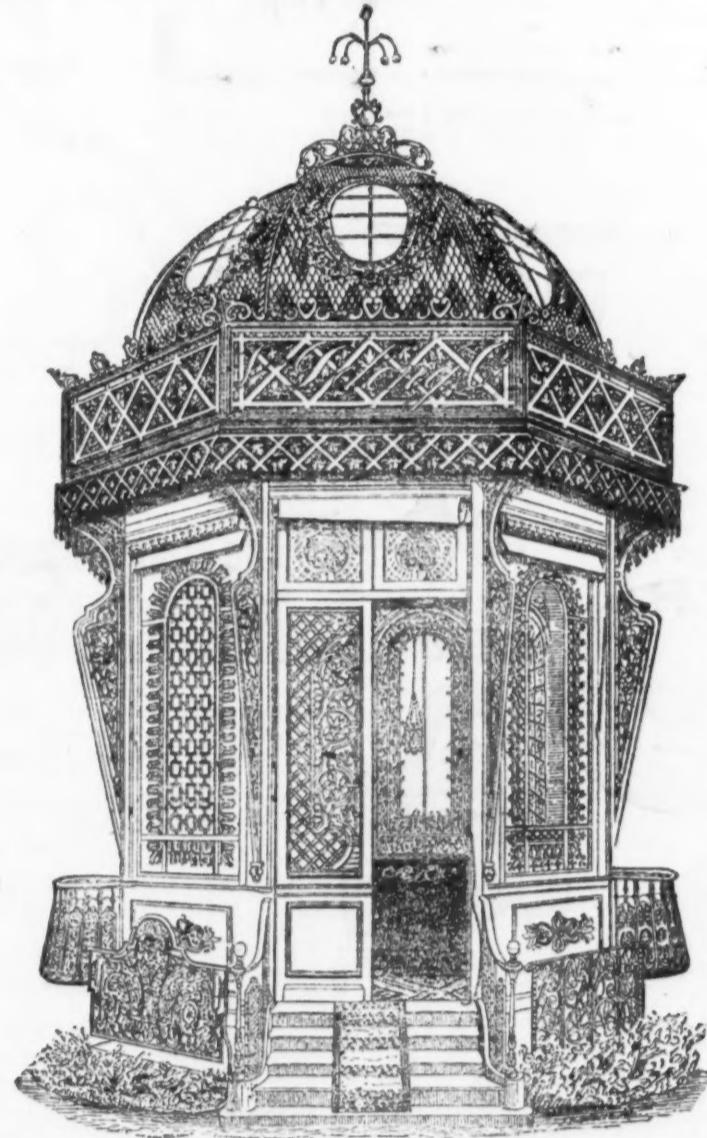
this country, excepting only the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia.

Many of the well-known hardware establishments of the country were prominently represented at the fair of the New England Institute. The Providence Tool Company, of Providence, R. I., besides showing many samples of heavy hardware, ship hardware, nuts, bolts, &c., exhibited a very fine case of tools. The Stanley Rule and Level Company, of New Britain, Conn., showed a handsome case containing specimens of levels, screw drivers, tri-squares, pocket rules, gauges, bevels, &c. The Millers Falls Company, of Millers Falls, Mass., exhibited a fine line of the goods they manufacture, among which may be mentioned the Langdon Miter Box and an improved form of vise. E. M. Boynton, the well-known saw manufacturer, of 80 Beekman street, New York City, exhibited a very handsomely arranged case of saw blades, circular saws, &c., so displayed as to present a symmetrical appearance as a whole, and to admit of a careful examination of the individual pieces. The New England Butt Company, of Providence, displayed a fine line of locks, butts, shelf brackets, counter scales, scrapers and specimens of Murphy's bench clamp, which has already been mentioned in our columns. Messrs. Goodnow & Wightman,

8 feet above high-water mark, at which level the cylinders are connected, and made to form a solid foundation, topped with a course of ashlar. Rising from this foundation, two piers are formed of wrought-iron pillars braced together, and incased with iron plates of from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 7-16ths inch in thickness. The piers thus constructed are connected with each other near the top, and the whole has the appearance of a high and strongly-built arch on which to place the girders. The principal piers are octagonal in shape, with a diameter varying from 11 feet to 14 feet 6 inches. The spans are each composed of four girders, with the exception of the higher spans. These are of two girders connected together, top and bottom, with bracing and flooring. The bridge throughout its whole length will have a parapet of between 5 and 6 feet in height, forming a wind guard. The depth of each girder on the piers is 16 feet 6 inches. The middle girders are 28 feet 9 inches in the center, and at the ends 20 feet 3 inches. They are of hog-back lattice form. The other girders are of plain lattice-work, and are all connected by cross bracing, on the top of which the train travels as it did on the old bridge. At the high girders the train travels between them. The platform of the bridge is of wrought iron throughout. In the construction of the new bridge, the old one will be sufficiently near for anchorage and cranes.

Electric Conductivity of Moist Air.—Some electricians have held that humid air acts as a conductor of electricity; and others, notably the Count du Moncel and M. Gangain, have maintained that it does not. Recent experiments of M. Marangoni support the latter theory very decidedly, for he finds that a Leyden jar, heated so as to prevent condensation of moisture on its glass walls and thus arrest surface conduction, gives a long spark as in the driest air. When, however, the precaution of heating the walls of the jar is not taken, the moisture condenses on the latter, and forming a thin film of water, causes a silent discharge which might be mistaken for a slow discharge through the conducting air. It follows from these experiments that the loss of electricity on telegraph lines is wholly due to surface conduction over the wet and dirty insulators, or leakage along entangled threads and branches of trees at particular points, and not to a general discharge into the saturated air.

The handling of petroleum in considerable quantities is always attended by more or less danger, on account of its highly explosive properties. Mr. Schlumberger, who has devoted much time and attention to this subject, has recently proposed a method by which, it is claimed, all dangers of fire resulting from explosions of petroleum are avoided. His plan is to place upon the separate barrels of petroleum vessels of moderate size, filled with ammonia water. Should an explosion occur, these vessels would be broken and the escaping ammonia vapors speedily smother the spreading flames.



Decorative Cut Metal Work.—Fig. 1.

scription of the products of the machine, rather than of the appliances used in manufacturing.

A curious feature in connection with this industry is that the leading spirit in the company which is engaged in this line of industry is a woman, Madame Delong by name. That a woman should have given the first impulse to such a masculine work, and that she should have improved it in silence until the Paris Exposition brought to light her kiosk displaying all the different decorative applications of cut metal work, is a fact almost without a parallel in industrial arts. Fig. 1 of our engravings represents the kiosk alluded to. Like many pavilions erected in fairs and expositions, its primary use was to show what can be done in cut metal work, and in this direction it is to be regarded as a success. Besides giving attention to the mere mechanical manipulations required to produce perforated metal work, much study has been given to the coloring of the work after it has been produced. The characteristics of ornamental work of this kind render it totally distinct from polished and engraved metal. There is a lightness and delicacy about it that contrasts favorably with the solidity of metal work generally. Colored metal work, it is said, has been used in Paris for the decoration of cornices, ceilings, &c., in the shape of griffins, arabesques and any style of ornamentation which taste decrees. The shading is so minute that the effect upon the eye of the observer is the same as finely painted work, and the presence of metal would scarcely be suspected.

Among the latest and most admired achievements of the company manufacturing work of this kind, are two stained windows representing exotic foliage and covered with beautiful metal work. One of the designs represents a Christmas tree entirely of copper, the branches being Gothic figures that reproduce cathedral sculpture. Among the most important works in this line ex-

hibit to one of them is, in many cases, of more practical benefit to a mechanic than a month of experimental labor in seclusion. More ideas may be picked up in an hour's ramble among the machines and tools ordinarily displayed at a fair, than can in most cases be obtained by a great deal of reading. One must see a fair in order to appreciate it, a mere description conveys but a poor idea; we may say the display was grand or beautiful, but the building was well adapted to the purpose, that visitors attended in large numbers, and that the various parts were well balanced, forming a charming picture as a whole. The mind grasps the idea, being unencumbered with minor details. But when we enter into particulars and single out individual features for description, the task is less easily performed, and lucky indeed is the writer if his words do not entirely fail of their purpose.

One idea of what was to be seen at the exhibition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, held at Boston, was perhaps too high, for we were disappointed at what we found there. This association undertook to conduct an exhibit of building materials and appliances, and to this end issued a circular describing five groups in which the goods presented were to be arranged. The groups were as follows: Material, Construction, Sanitation, Comfort and Convenience, and Decoration. The first group was to contain gross materials, such as wood, plain and fancy, domestic and foreign; stone of all kinds, brick, plain and ornamental; iron, cement, lime, plaster, paints, glass, &c. The group entitled Construction was to contain departments of tools, including machines for working wood, iron and stone, together with brick and tile machines; fire-proofing, including fire extinguishing apparatus; structural devices, including portable houses, trusses, roofing systems and scaffolds, and builders' hardware. Sanitation was to comprise the display of sanitary appliances, which meant



Fig. 3.

a disagreement in the management of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, the parent institution, which occurred about the time of its last triennial exhibition, resulted in the formation of an opposition association, known as the New England Mechanics' Institute. The new organization conducted its first fair the present year, and the competition which has existed between the two associations has doubtless resulted in many features of interest which might otherwise have failed to appear. The building of the New England Fair, as it is familiarly termed, is one of the finest which has ever been erected for exhibition purposes. In construction it is substantial; the interior space is well lighted; the height is ample,

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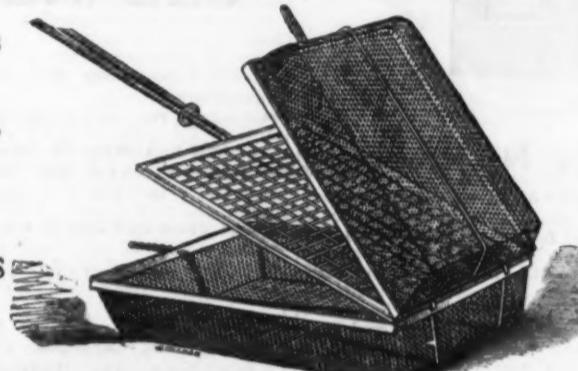
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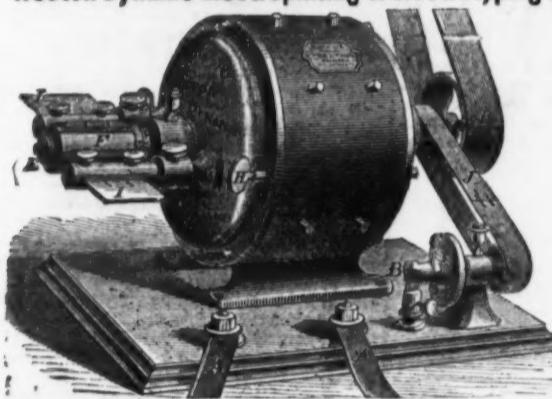
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Radiophony.—E. Mercadier gives this name to the phenomenon discovered by Bell, in which an intermittent radiation of a definite period produces a sound of the same period. He has arrived by experiment at the following results: 1. Radiophony does not appear to be an effect of the receiving plate vibrating transversely, like an ordinary vibrating plate. 2. The nature of the molecules of the receiver and their mode of aggregation do not appear to exercise a predominant influence upon the nature of the sounds produced. 3. The sounds result from the direct action of the radiations upon the receivers. 4. The phenomenon seems to result principally from an action upon the surface of the receiver. 5. The radiophonic effects are relatively very intense. 6. They appear to be produced principally by calorific radiations or waves of great length.

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Two of 18 in. x 8 ft. Wood & Light.
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One Milling Machine, No. 4. Wood & Light.
Burleigh Rock Drill, No. 4. New.
One Pipe Cutting Machine.
One Styles & Parker Foot Press.
One Blod & Williams Foot Press.
One Rock Drill, Williams Foot Press.
One Cameron Steam Pump, No. 2.
One Knowles Special Pump, No. 7.
One 6 in. Tapping Machine, D. Saunders' Sons.
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One Root Engine.
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A large stock of Shaving, Pulleys, Hangers, Vises (Wrought and Cast), and other Miscellaneous Machinery.

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The works recently used by us as a Hollow-ware Foundry. They have capacity for 70 or 75 molders, a good cupola capable of melting 50 tons easily, an engine, with shafting, machinery, elevator and root blower, sufficient mounting and store-rooms, carpenter shop, polishing and plating works, and all requirements necessary for economy. A railroad, connecting with all the roads extending in the city, runs contiguous to the works, the Detroit river being a half block away, affording most excellent shipping and receiving facilities. The works are in a cheap iron and fuel market; labor is reasonable and generally plentiful. For a stove manufacturer they are specially adapted, will be sold for party cash, partly time payments, or let at a moderate rental from January 1st, 1882.

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VERTICAL BORING AND TURNING MILL, new or second hand, to swing 7 to 12 feet. State maker, time of delivery, price, age, condition, and where it can be seen. Address

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Hardware salesman on or before January 1st; an experienced salesman of good address, able to keep up stock; must have some experience in the retail business. To one who is competent and not afraid to work for liberal salary will be paid. Address, with references and particulars, LOUIS HOFFMAN, Vicksburg, Miss.

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Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,

TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 22, 1881.

In consequence of the national holiday of Thanksgiving falling upon our publication day, we this week go to press a day earlier than usual.

Wall street markets during the week under review have been more or less disturbed by bank difficulties, actual or apprehended, and questions respecting the possible effect upon the sources of money supply in New York. The Tradesmen's Bank of this city, after examination, was pronounced solvent, but quickly following came rumors of bank failures in Boston. On Friday the Pacific National of Boston closed its doors, and the Central National, also of Boston, was compelled temporarily to suspend, on account of entanglements with the former. On Saturday the bears took advantage of current rumors to depress stocks, and there was a decline ranging from 1 to 5% on specialties, and 1/4 to 1/2% on the general list. The money market on Monday was in a feverish condition, under apprehension of heavy calls from Boston, and the tendency was toward stringency. Prices of stocks at the call fell off by reasons of activity in money, and the market was irregular. To-day accounts from Boston are favorable, but confidence is not fully restored. Money was active until near the close, and few brokers were accommodated for less than 6% and commission.

The posted rates for bankers' sterling were on Monday reduced to \$4.81 for 60 day, and \$4.85 for eight. The market for foreign exchange continues dull. The rates for commercial paper are nominal. First class commands 6%, and only the highest grades are in demand. State bonds to-day were quiet, and generally lower.

The Treasury has given notice to the Assistant Treasurer at New York that, owing to the failure of the Government to get the \$2,000,000 3 1/2 per cents ordered to be purchased for two weeks past, he may purchase \$4,000,000 of such bonds any day before next Wednesday (to-morrow), but it is not probable that the cash surplus in the Government vaults will be materially reduced by this method. It is thought by many that Secretary Folger will issue a call for a considerable amount of extended 6s later in the week. On the other hand, it may reasonably be doubted whether any of these bonds are likely to be offered, so long as the holders can get a better price in the street. Railroad bonds are irregular, and generally lower. State bonds are lower, Tennessee 6s, new series, declined 6%. There is nothing further in relation to the railroad war.

It is reported on apparently good authority that, owing to dissatisfaction with the stock exchange management in regard to certain stocks, a new exchange is in contemplation, backed by prominent bankers in our principal cities. The names of Gould, Field, Russell Sage and others well known are mentioned in connection with the enterprise.

In general trade the volume of business diminishes as the season draws nearer to a close, and in some commodities a shrinkage of prices is noticeable. The export trade, however, continues blocked by speculative combinations. A stringent money market would have at least one good effect in compelling the "operators" to unload.

The bank return for the week shows a loss of \$519,000 in reserve, which now stands at \$2,453,575, against \$1,914,650 at this time last year, and \$6,417,575 at the corresponding period in 1879. The loans show a gain this week of \$2,055,500.

The importations of specie and bullion at this port during the week ending Nov. 18 were \$251,341, consisting of \$226,091 in gold and \$25,250 in silver, as against a total of \$2,459,649 for the week ending Nov. 20, last year. The importations since the 1st of January and since the 1st of August compare as follows with the movement during the corresponding periods last year:

	Since January 1—	1881.	1880.
Gold	\$51,088,237	\$315,182,300	\$2,055,500
Silver	2,522,316	5,027,638	
Total	\$53,610,553	\$35,605,171	

For prompt cash.

The following joint circular is in press and will be issued to-morrow:

Page in Catalogue. Dis per cent.

68. Wrought Square Bolts, No. 305. 35
68a. " " Nos. 303, 304. 35
69. " " Nos. 306, 307, 308. 35
72.73. Wrought Barrel Bolts. 55

Ten per cent. extra for prompt cash.

To the Trade: From this date we are instructed to quote Coes' Genuine Screw Wrenches of either make at 40 and 10 per cent. discount from list. Mechanics Wrenches made by L. Coes & Co., and similar quality by A. G. Coes & Co., will continue to rate at 10 per cent. less than the "Genuine."

DURRICK & McCARTY,
Agents for L. Coes & Co.

GRAHAM & HAINES,
Agents for A. G. Coes & Co.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

[Special Report by Cable to The Iron Age.]

LONDON, Nov. 22, 1881.

Scotch Pig.—The upward movement of prices received a check during the week, and prices fell off a little, but have since recovered and are now advancing. As compared with last Wednesday, Gartsherrie is 1/2 higher, and Coltness and Eglinton 6d. The following are to-day's quotations:

Gartsherrie, alongside, Glasgow. 60/
Coltness " Ardrossan. 52/6
Eglinton " " 52/6
Lighterage from Ardrossan to Glasgow is 1/2 per ton.

Bessemer Pig.—There is no change to note, prices ruling steady, with transactions large. Lots of equal portions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, unchanged, at 61/6.

Mining Stocks.

The following are the closing quotations for mining stocks:

Bid.	Asked
U. S. 4 1/2% registered. 12 1/2	12 1/2
U. S. 4 1/2% 1891 coupon. 11 3/4	11 3/4
U. S. 4% 1897 registered. 11 1/2	11 1/2
U. S. 4% 1897 coupon. 11 1/2	11 1/2
U. S. Currency 1895. 130	—
U. S. Currency 1896. 130	—
U. S. Currency 1897. 131	—
U. S. Currency 1898. 131 1/2	—
U. S. Currency 1899. 132 1/2	—
Sixes continued. 101 1/2	101 1/2
Fives continued. 102 1/2	102 1/2

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

Bid.	Asked
Alice. 5.00	5.50
Alta Mont. 5.75	6.00
Belle Isle. 5.50	5.75
Bodie. 5.50	5.75
Bulwer. 10.00	13.00
Bassick. 10.00	13.00

Bull Dore. 50	53
Boulder. 6	5
Boston C. 80	80
Big Pittsburgh. 80	80
Bradshaw. 49	51
Calaveras. 9	11
California. 50	60
Climax. 20	25
Consolidated Imperial. 15	15
Consolidated Virginia. 200	200
Cent. Ariz. 5.62%	5.75
Dahlonga. 1.40%	1.40%
Dunderberg. 68	68
Eureka C. 49	50
Fairfield. 80	85
Fa. D-smet. 7.75	8.00
Goodahaw. 9	10
Great Eastern. 50	50
Gold Str. 50	50
Hukill. 50	52
Horn Silver. 16.37%	16.75
Independence. 2.00	2.00
Iron Silver. 27	28
Lacrosse. 2.45	2.45
Leadville. 1.45	1.45
L. Chief. 1.05	1.05
Moose. 81	81
Mountain Boy. 38	39
Nevada. 34	40
N. Bell I. 30	30
Ori. and Mill. 40	42
Rappah'k. 15	15
Robinson. 8.62%	9.87%
R. Sun. 70.00	75
Red Eleph. 10.00	10.00
S. Nevada. 9.35	9.35
Silver Cliff. 2.35	2.35
Sutro. 7.75	8.00
Sprg' Yal. 9.12%	9.12%
Stormont. 8.50	8.50
South Pacific. 33	33
St. L. & R. 4. 1.15	1.20
Tuscarora. 7	7

Manufactured Iron.—Prices are firm, with a large business doing. We quote Best Staffordshire Bars at £7. 10/- @ £8.

Steel Rails.—The demand is increasing and prices are firm. Quotations of ordinary sections are unchanged, viz.: £6. 5/- @ £6. 10/-.

Iron Rails.—The market remains quiet and prices steady. Welsh are quoted £5. 10/- @ £5. 15/-.

Old Rails.—There is but a small quantity offering, and transactions are light. Old Tees, c. i. f. United States ports, are quoted £4. 10/-.

Screws.—But little doing.

Freights.—Steam freights from Glasgow to New York, 12/6 @ 15/-.

IRON.

American Pig.—Although in Pig Iron the transactions reported are not large, there is considerable inquiry, and the tonnage of the market gains rather than loses strength. Of some brands, favorites in this market, there seems to be a scarcity, and occasional instances are reported where orders are declined even when a price is offered considerably above current quotations. No sales worthy of mention have come to our notice during the week, and we continue to quote: Foundry No. 1, \$25 @ \$26; Foundry No. 2 X, \$23 @ \$25.00, and Gray Forge, \$22.50.

Scotch Pig.—Considerable business in foreign Iron has transpired during the week, included in which we note sales in lots of 1500 tons Glengarnock at \$24 @ \$25, and 400 tons Coltness at our quotations. The agents for the sale of Gartsherrie and Eglinton brands inform us that they now hold Gartsherrie at \$25 for parcels from wharf or to arrive and \$26 from yard; and Eglinton, of which the stock is very small and there is none on the way, \$23 from yard. We quote: Eglinton, \$23; Carnbroe, \$24; Coltness, \$26 @ \$26.50; Glengarnock, \$24.50 @ \$25; and Gartsherrie, \$25 @ \$26.

Sales are reported of 300 tons Redcar No. 3 at \$22, and 100 tons of another grade of Middlesboro' Iron at \$21.75.

Rails.—We hear of renewed activity in the demand for railroad equipment and negotiations pending for large parcels of Steel Rails. Sales are reported since our last writing of about 14,000 tons Steel Rails and 6000 tons Iron Rails, the latter for delivery in the West, but particulars are withheld.

We quote Steel, at mill, 1882 delivery, \$60, and Iron, at mill, \$48 @ \$50 for ordinary rails.

Old Rails.—There is not much doing in Old Material and but little inquiry. Holders views are as a rule higher than consumers are willing to pay, but as the stocks are considerably reduced and said to be concentrated in able hands, it would be difficult to place an order at any concession from our quotations. Sales are reported of a few small parcels T's at \$29. We quote T's, \$29 @ \$29.25, and Double Heads, \$31.50 @ \$32.

Screws.—Sales are announced of 600 tons No. 1 wrought, ex ship and to arrive, part at \$31. Prime Selected, from yard, is in short supply and is quoted \$32.50.

Manufactured Iron.—The demand for finished Iron is not quite as urgent as it has been, still the business is active when the season is considered, and the tone of the market is strong. We quote Refined Bar, from store, 2.95%.

METALS.

Copper.—Sales for the week amount to 400,000 to 500,000 pounds Lake Superior at 18 1/2% @ 18 1/2%. Now 18 1/2% is offered, and 19% asked. Baltimore is worth, nominally, 18 1/2%. There is better demand, and more confidence shown both by manufacturers and dealers. Consumption is going on in this country at an enormous rate for the moment, at the rate of 70,000,000 pounds per annum; hence the increasing production.

West of the Mississippi is less threatening than it would otherwise appear. It is believed that production in that section of the United States will figure up in 1882 between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000 pounds. This would, however, only be in keeping with our current absorption, if the latter goes on as it has lately done, and there is no reason why it should not, for there are now many additional elements of consumption, the result of modern invention, not thought of formerly, especially in the electrical branch.

At the same time the falling off in Chilean production this year is remarkable, the indication being that it will be 10,000 tons less than in 1880; in other words, from being a producer of 45,000 tons annually on an average, Chile declines all of a sudden to 35,000 tons per annum, by reason of a curtailment of hands through the war on the Pacific, of which the end is not yet apparent. As a check on this Chilean deficiency, there is Rio Tinto in Andalusia prospering more than ever as a copper producer, to judge from the splendid dividends it pays, but it is doubtful whether Rio Tinto will turn out an excess to make good the 10,000 tons of Chilean decrease.

It would indeed be astonishing if it did. On taking, therefore, into consideration all the "pros" and "cons," it seems to us that Copper is in a sound condition, so far as we can judge at the present writing. At London there has been an advance of £2 since our last, Chile Bars rising to £66, and Best Selected to £72. This improvement we are slowly following. No futures are obtainable; producers decline to name a price.

"London, Nov. 5.—This market has for the most part remained strong, and a fair busi-

ness, taken on the whole, has been transacted.

Prices have continued to show a steady upward tendency, but at the same time there has been an absence of any sharp rise. This steady, gradual improvement in prices is most satisfactory, because it is more likely to give a more lengthened support to the market than if prices were to rise speedily, while at the same time there is in consequence little chance of any serious reaction. As time progresses the prospects of this trade certainly appear to become more and more encouraging. The business doing is chiefly for *bona f*

EXPORTS

•of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending Nov. 15, 1881:

	Quan.	Val.
Hdw. pgs...	9	\$78
Mf. iron, pgs...	13	107
Copper, shds...	9	56
Ptln. gals...	362	381
Mails, kogs...	10	38
Ag. imp., pgs...	906	647

Bremen.

	Quan.	Val.
Iron safe...	1	900
Ptln. gals...	69,754	27,755
Mf. iron, pgs...	3	475
Hdw. pgs...	47	2,445
Ag. imp., cas...	1	850
Mach'y, cas...	9	350

Cork.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	165,149	13,600

Dublin.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	160,856	19,816

Hamburg.

	Quan.	Val.
Cutterly, case...	3	126
Hdw. cs...	69	578
Mf. iron, pgs...	4	416
L. r. goods, cas...	1	604
Guthery, cas...	1	75
Ag. imp., pgs...	9	680
Clocks, pgs...	1	43
Hdw. pgs...	100	2,324
Mach'y, pgs...	1	295
Brass, cas...	100	9,300
Chains, pgs...	1	295
Ptln. gals...	41,478	10,975

Rotterdam.

	Quan.	Val.
Mach'y, cas...	1	300
Hdw. pgs...	19	1,140
Ptln. pgs...	4	800
Mf. iron, pgs...	83	800

Exmouth.

	Quan.	Val.
Washp. gals...	1,100	10,670
Ptln. gals...	180,344	19,973
Dublin.		
Ptln. gals...	160,856	19,816

Argentina Republic.

	Quan.	Val.
Clocks, cas...	6	215
Mach'y, pgs...	411	7,500

United States of Columbia.

	Quan.	Val.
Rifles, cs...	52	11,047

	Quan.	Val.
Mach'y, pgs...	100	6,973

Antwerp.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	1,051,824	85,933

Dunkirk.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	23,203	19,000

Liverpool.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	20,121	78,432

West Hartlepool.

	Quan.	Val.
Hdw. cs...	10	3,114

London.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	305,234	20,314

Hayti.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	29	566

Philadelphia.

	Quan.	Val.
Cotton, Linen...	1	354

Oporto.

	Quan.	Val.
Clocks, cas...	1	45

Constantinople.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	23,000	15,635

Glasgow.

	Quan.	Val.
Clock, box...	155	3,333

Cartridges.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	200	3,900

Piraeus.

	Quan.	Val.
Ptln. gals...	141,370	25,540

Brazil.

	Quan.	Val.
Ag. imp., pgs...	1	66

Leith.

	Quan.	Val.
Mach'y, cas...	4	500

Hdws.

	Quan.	Val.
Hdws. cs...	6	615

Ag. imp., pgs.

	Quan.	Val.
Hdws. cs...	1	625

Bristol.

HOLLAND.

(Kooh & Vlieerboom.)
ROTTERDAM, Nov. 8, 1881.—Tin.—Speculators have pushed the price of Banca all the way up to 60 guilders per 50 kilos., and Billiton to 59.75. Since then the market has quieted down again, and the metal is easier at above figures. The general impression is that we shall go higher still.

ITALY.

(Diritti.)

ROME, Nov. 6, 1881.—The government has just published some statistics of mineral production in Italy, according to which there were mined last year 234,000 tons of Iron Ore, worth 1,050,000 lire or francs; there were made 2000 tons of Steel, worth 5,000,000 francs, and 40,000 tons Merchant Iron, worth 2,500,000. In 1879 the latter was represented by 3,000,000 francs; Lead, 11,000,000 francs; Spelter, 4,500,000 francs; Copper, 2,000,000 francs; Crude Sulphur, 27,000,000 francs; and Boric Acid, 3,500,000 francs. In 1877 the aggregate mineral production in Italy was 54,000,000 francs, and it employed 40,566 operatives. Machine shops have of late years increased very much in Italy; it is estimated that without counting the government establishments they turned out last year 36,000,000 francs worth of machinery, &c., employing 45,000 operatives. Of Coal Italy produced last year only 101,640 tons, worth 1,340,000 francs and of peat; 95,000 tons; Lime stone, 28,278 tons, worth 1,560,000 francs; and Plaster of Paris, 460 tons, worth 900,000 francs.

AUSTRIA.

Austrian Trade Journal.

VIENNA, Nov. 6, 1887.—**Iron.**—In Rod Iron another advance has taken place, the Bohemian rolling mills having raised the price half a florin per 100 kilos. These Bohemian works make the best of the situation and do not mind the advanced season. Pig Iron is also held higher. It continues quite scarce. The dull season is now upon us, nor do we expect much of a revival till the spring months. Sheets are unchanged. The demand is still tolerably active for coarse Sheets for tanks, boilers and roofs, and is quite up to the current capacity of output. The export of small Iron Tools and Hardware has lost much of its liveliness, causing prices to be, if anything, easier, with the sole exception of Nails, Bolts and Hooks steadily in request. For Locomotives fresh orders

up to the river wall. Thus the work is proceeding concurrently from the two banks of the Mersey, and though it is difficult to estimate when a junction will be formed in the middle of the river, there is strong hope that two years will witness the achievement of this purpose. The tunnel will be sunk at a depth low enough to afford a safe superincumbent space between it and the river bed, and this safety is increased by the rocky formation through which it passes. The gradients of the line will be easy, and the arrangements for ventilating the tunnel will afford comfort to travelers.

The Mersey Tunnel.

An engineering work of great boldness, and one which will link together the railway systems of Lancashire and Cheshire, England, now divided by the deep waters of the river Mersey, was commenced simultaneously at Liverpool and Birkenhead on October 29. The project is known as the Mersey Railway, and consists of a short railway less than three miles in length; but its engineering difficulties and commercial importance cannot be estimated by its comparative shortness. The undertaking is by no means a new one, nor is the work merely at its initial stage. It has been before the public for a good many years. The first Parliamentary powers for constructing a tunnel under the Mersey were obtained in 1866, from the designs of the late Sir Charles Fox; but it was a scheme somewhat on the model of the Thames Tunnel, to be worked by means of lifts at either end for the raising of passengers and goods to the level of the ground. The idea has since developed into a railway tunnel spacious enough to allow of three lines of rails. In 1871 the first serious effort was made to prosecute the undertaking, but various difficulties, engineering and financial, rendered its execution impossible for several years, although tentative efforts have from time to time been made to prosecute the undertaking. However, the project has now fallen into the hands of a company with large capital, and it is being pushed forward with the resolute determination to carry it to completion. The contract has been let to Mr. John Waddell, and the engineers are Mr. Brunlees and Mr. Fox, son of the originator. The tunnel is to cross the river almost at right angles, starting from the foot of James street, on the Liverpool side, a central position, and emerging close to the Woodside Ferry, at Birkenhead. On the Cheshire side it will at once connect with the Great Western

form a connection with the Great Western and London and Northwestern companies, and though on the Liverpool side no present arrangements have been made for uniting it with the Lancashire railways, this is certain to be done as soon as the tunnel is ready.

It will be a work of enormous magnitude, but the difficulties seem to grow less the further the experiment is advanced. Trial headings have already been driven far under the bed of the river from either side, and these show that the geological formation is favorable to tunneling. The stratum consists of red sandstone of solid formation, with few fissures and apparently no "faults" of a kind likely to impede boring. The inpour of water, of course, is the danger chiefly to be apprehended, and the setting up of stupendous pumps is the first stage of the operations. These pumps have now been started. Shafts were first sunk on the Liverpool side to the depth of 180 feet, from which has been driven a drift for draining the tunnel works as they proceed. This trial heading has been already carried as far as the river wall at Liverpool; while on the Cheshire side a shaft of like depth has also been sunk, and the trial heading excavated to a length of 60 yards under the river bed. These shafts are each 45 feet in circumference, and serve the double purpose of pump-ways and channels for lifting the débris of the excavations as they proceed. No material increase of water having been experienced as the work advanced, it has now been decided to proceed at once with the tunnel proper, instead of carrying an experimental drift from side to side of the river, as originally contemplated. Under the most favorable conditions, however, it is foreseen that there will be a large volume of water to be encountered, and to provide against this contingency very powerful pumps have been set up by the Simeon Iron Company; indeed, they are among the most powerful ever employed in such works. That on the Liverpool side is

A Peculiar Property of Matter.—The Locomotives says: "A good deal has been written concerning the physical properties of matter, and it would seem that, so far as our knowledge extends, the subject was well-nigh exhausted. Strange as it may appear, there is one property of the most common substance with which the machinist has to do that has never been accounted for, or in any way alluded to, in works on this subject. We refer to that peculiar property of cast iron by virtue of which, when in the condition of old cylinders, pieces of pipe, safety valves, and a multitude of other forms, it manages to get exactly in the way of every man in a good-sized machine shop, and at about the same time. Practical men know this to be a fact, and are looking to science for an explanation. It has long been reasonably well established that in a shop where the custom is to preserve such things, notwithstanding they may be relegated to some particular corner devoted to their preservation, they will find a way to get themselves distributed all over the shop without any very serious delay. It would be a valuable acquisition to our present knowledge to know why this is so. While carrying on the investigation necessary to determine what particular property enables inert matter to get away with the best intentions of proprietors, foremen and workmen, it might be well to conduct it with a view to finding out what property could be added to cast iron so that it would be possible to get useless scrap from the machine shop into the cupola. There is a broad field here for scientific investigation, and in a direction where there can be no possible clashing of theory and practice, the latter having virtually withdrawn from the contest." We think a satisfactory explanation of the phenomenon above noted is found in the law of the "total depravity of inanimate objects."

Fire Gilding.

In fire gilding, gold is dissolved in mercury, forming an amalgam, which is spread upon the article to be gilded. Heat is then applied and the mercury is drawn off, leaving the gold firmly attached to the metal. The quantity of gold applied by this process is greater than by many others, and the coating is more durable and is said to be more beautiful. If the work to be gilded is silver, it is to be carefully cleaned with ammonia and water by means of a brush, until the surface is bright all over and no signs of tarnish can be seen. Cleaning with acid is often recommended. The amalgam, or combination of gold with mercury, is formed by putting four parts of mercury in a clean iron ladle and adding one part of gold. It is usual to make the mercury hot before adding the gold, which is also heated by some workmen. The metals are then carefully stirred until the mixture is perfect; the amalgam is then poured out upon a plate and is then ready for use. The amalgam is next rubbed upon the article to be gilded by means of a piece of dry cloth, an even coating being given.

The next step is to drive off the mercury by heat and leave the gold. This is done by exposing the article upon an iron plate to the heat of a charcoal fire. No draft is used in this process. The regular platers are very careful to turn the article about, and, as the process goes on, to brush the amalgam so that all parts are equally well coated. The mercury fumes are very dangerous, and a plate of glass was always used by workmen in the old times to protect the face, while the charcoal fire was so placed that the fumes, as far as possible, were conducted up a flue or chimney. It is said to be a very difficult matter to obtain an even and thin coating. If one is willing to use a small extra quantity of gold, we suppose that a coating can be obtained, which, though irregular in thickness, will show of one color. The quantity of gold needed for work of this kind is exceedingly small. The coating is not, however, as thin as that produced by the electro-plating method, where the amount appears to be merely nominal—so small, indeed, in some cases as not to be perceptible in weight.

If the quality of the gold makes no difference, a very pure coating may be put on by amalgamating the surface of the metal with pure mercury, and then covering all portions to be gilded with the gold foil or gold leaf used by dentists. The mercury is drawn off by heat, and the gold remains behind. The coating in this case is pure gold, and we suppose is very soft. On this account we should presume it would wear rapidly. The best quality of ordinary leaf could be used the same way, but it would have this disadvantage, that, being very thin, several leaves would be required, one on top of the other, to cover a given surface.

The "fire" methods of gilding, as they are called, are well worth attention at the present day from those who wish for something more than a "blush" of gold upon their work. The tendency of the day is to make plating too thin, and a gold-plated harness with \$2.50 worth of gold upon it is said to be heavily plated, and \$20 has been charged within ten years for putting on this amount of gold.

The following table, showing the increase in the coal product of the world during the last ten years, may prove interesting to some of our readers:

	Tons—1870.	Tons—1880.	Increase Tons.	Per cent.
Great Britain.	107,500,683	147,000,000	40,493,317	37
United States.	28,000,000	64,500,000	35,500,000	127
Germany.	26,774,000	42,161,000	15,387,000	58
France.	13,503,000	18,575,000	5,348,000	35
Belgium.	13,944,000	14,000,000	56,000	0
Austria.	4,700,000	6,000,000	1,300,000	48
Russia.	5,632,000	32,000,000	1,612,000	275
Spain.	550,000	750,000	200,000	36
	193,970,683	204,468,000	10,497,317	52

Some years ago a vessel was patented by the late Capt. Moody as a sea refuge and

the late Capt. Moody as a sea refuge and telegraph ship, to be used on the mid-Atlantic. The form of the vessel very much resembled the ace of clubs, with a fourth leaf instead of a stalk. Capt. Moody had a model of this vessel built 47 feet over all, which was purchased of his executors and is now used as a residence for water bailiffs to watch certain fisheries on the Norfolk coast of England. It recently rode out a hurricane without shipping a drop of water, although all other vessels in the neighborhood either foundered or came ashore. The

Peculiarities of the vessel are that it rides more upright than a sharp-bottomed ship; and, being moored with four anchors and cables, it is well adapted for a telegraph ship, as it does not swing with the tide or wind. It is also better able to carry a short, flexible cable from the main telegraph cable on the bottom of the sea. Such a vessel moored at a distance of several hundred miles from the shore and having a telegraphic connection with it, might render valuable services in giving warning of approaching storms.

The following table giving the number of miles of road worked and locomotives owned, and the miles of road per locomotive, for several of the prominent lines in England and the United States, may prove of interest to our readers:

Name of road.	ENGLISH LINES.		No. miles per loco- motive.
	Miles of road open.	No. of loco- motives.	
Great Western.....	3,550	2,747	0.78
London & Northwest n	1,716	2,182	0.76
Midland.....	1,518	3,716	0.88

northeastern.....	1,364	1,493	0.91
great Northern.....	560	601	1.09
AMERICAN LINES.			
pennsylvania.....	1,130	627	1.79
new York Central.....	3,012	639	1.50
new York & New H.....	202½	97	2.08
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.....	3,775	441	6.28
Lake Shore.....	1,178	494	3.38

for less than three-quarters of a mile of road, two others for less than seven-eighths of a mile, and one for less than a mile.

London Fire Department.

American readers who are familiar with any of the well-organized fire departments peculiar to our larger cities, will doubtless be surprised when told that the great city of London is not provided with the telegraphic fire system or many of the other precautionary measures common to our practice. The following, taken from a recent number of the *Ironmonger*, presents an interesting comparison between the fire departments of London and New York, and we commend it to the attention of our readers.

readers : The numerous and serious fires in the city of London within the past few weeks have caused the Commissioners of Sewers to once more take into consideration the question of providing more efficient protection against casualties of that description. Although the wealthiest and most populous city in the world, London is probably more exposed to the risk of serious conflagrations than any other large center of population in Europe or North America. The city proper, with its great blocks of buildings and rich stores of merchandise, is peculiarly vulnerable in this respect, although in many other particulars it is by far the best-governed portion of the metropolis. It is peculiarly weak in the matter of fire-extinguishing appliances, having only two engines and thirteen men permanently stationed within its limits. A number of hydrants have been provided, it is true, within the past three years, but these are said to be of limited utility, owing to the fact that they cannot be opened until the arrival of the firemen. In this respect Liverpool, Manchester and other large provincial towns are undoubtedly ahead of London, and that is also the case as regards the supply of water in conjunction with the fire-extinguishing appliances. It is an admitted fact that the first few minutes of a fire are of the highest importance. More may be done in five minutes after the breaking out of a fire than in as many hours after it has once got hold. It is, therefore, extremely advisable that arrangements should exist to enable the fire brigade to be promptly communicated with, and to insure their immediate attendance when their services are required. In New York and other American cities this result is insured by the general use of a simple and relatively inexpensive system of electric fire alarms. Wires are led from dwellings and places of business to the district fire engine station, and an alarm can thereby be given almost simultaneously with the discovery of the fire. The horses stand ready harnessed, and are released by the sending of the electric current which gives the alarm ; hence the engine and firemen may be on the way within a minute after the receipt of the call. The telephone might be easily utilized in a similar manner. One of the two methods should certainly be adopted by the city authorities without delay, after which, with an efficient brigade, they might feel reasonably secure from the probability of any recurrence of those serious fires which have not only disgraced London, but have also destroyed a vast amount of valuable property.

The Allen Paper Car Wheel Company have turned out of their Hudson works, during the 10 months ending November 1, 1881, 7729 wheels. They are still adding to their machinery, and hope to increase the output at Hudson to 10,000 wheels the coming year. They are also pushing forward their improvements at the Chicago works as rapidly as machinery can be procured. When fully completed, these works are expected to have double the capacity of those at Hudson. The extensive paper mill, lately erected by this company at Morris, Ill., is very nearly ready for operation, and it is expected to be running by the 1st of January, 1882. It will have a capacity of from 4000 to 5000 tons a year. This company is now working on orders for the Mexican companies, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway, the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, the Lehigh Valley Railway, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, with large additional orders in sight.

The largest torpedo boat afloat left England for Copenhagen a few days since, having been built to the order of the Danish Government by Messrs. Thornycroft & Co. Her displacement is 55 tons, or 40 per cent. more than that of the largest torpedo boats in the British service; but her dimensions are still within the limit which will permit her to be conveyed by rail from one part of the coast to another. Her armament is exceedingly formidable, consisting of four of the largest Whitehead torpedoes, each of which carries a charge of 80 pounds of gun cotton, in addition to which she mounts a Hotchkiss revolving gun. She has a coal capacity of 10 tons, estimated as equivalent to 1200 miles at a speed of 11 knots, and her full speed, as shown at the trial, as well

At the Eston Steel Works, England, very large quantities of steel rails are being made, the total amount in some weeks reaching to as much as 4000 tons. This is the produce of eight converters and two rail mills. There is another rail mill which is kept in reserve in case of accident to either of those at work. The works are now lighted up regularly by means of electricity. The lamps in use are of several different kinds, and supplied by several rival manufacturers.

They are all under probation, and when it is clear which kind is most successful, that kind will be adopted throughout. The electric light has also been applied to the works of Messrs. Johnson & Reay, of Stockton-on-Tees. The Brush light was for some weeks in operation at Messrs. B. Samuelson & Co's Newport iron works, but for some season or other they did not appear to work satisfactorily and were removed.

Swedish iron continues to compete with success against English iron in Java. France and Belgium, too, are enjoying a share of the large orders for machinery for the sugar, coffee and tea plantations, although the great majority go to Great Britain.

BRACKET SAWS



are now a staple article in all Hardware Stores. They make trade lively about Christmas time, when it would otherwise be dull. The demand is such that any dealer can sell a few if he has them in stock. During the past six years a great number of saws have been put on the market, of more or less merit, but at present the demand is almost wholly for the Lester and Rogers Saws. The Lester Saw with all of its attachments sells for \$10.00, and the Rogers Saw for \$3.50. These rates seem low, but we are able to sell at such prices Saws which give entire satisfaction, with no come-back on the Dealer.

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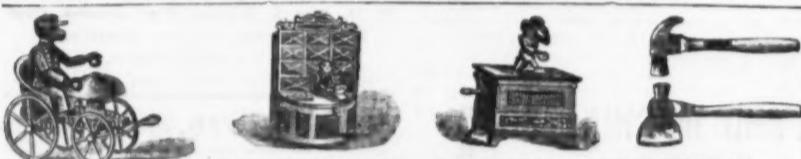
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Subterranean Heat.

Following are the temperatures of the ground in the Forman shaft, from the surface to the depth of 2100 feet, ascertained by drilling holes not less than three feet into the rock, and inserting a Negretti & Zambra slow-acting thermometer (of the pattern adopted by the Underground Temperature Committee of the British Association, and standardized at Kent), into the hole, closing the hole with clay and leaving the thermometer for 12 hours, not less than three holes being tried at each point:

Depth, Feet.	Temperature, Degrees.	Depth, Feet.	Temperature, Degrees.
100.	50 1/2	1200.	89 1/2
200.	55	1300.	91 1/2
300.	65	1400.	96 1/2
400.	65	1500.	101
500.	65	1600.	104
600.	70 1/2	1700.	104 1/2
700.	74 1/2	1800.	105 1/2
800.	76 1/2	1900.	106
900.	78	2000.	106
1000.	81 1/2	2100.	107 1/2

It will be seen by the above that, although there is on the whole a steady increase of temperature as depth is attained, the increase of temperature is not regular. For instance, the rock at the 400 is two degrees cooler than at the 300 level; between the 400 and 500 levels there is a difference of eight degrees, while in other places an additional depth of 100 feet shows but a slight increase in the temperature. Thus at the 1800 level the temperature is 105 1/2 degrees, while at the 1900 it is but 106 degrees, an increase of but one-half a degree. This difference is undoubtedly owing to the character of the rock at the points where the holes were made; therefore it would be of great interest to have, in connection with the temperature, a description of the rock; not only the kind of rock, but also the nature of the same, whether carrying much lime, gypsum or iron pyrites. It would probably be shown that where there was much lime there would be an increase of heat not warranted by the increased depth, and the reverse where lime was absent.

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Before French society of gas engineers, M. Brémond has resumed the discussion of a subject treated by him three years ago, viz., the effect of altitude upon the illuminating power of gas, formulating the general law that, by reason of rarefaction of air, "gas loses at least one liter of illuminating power per 50 meters of altitude." He gives the details of an interesting experiment made on the Northern Railroad of Spain, observations being taken at various altitudes on the way from Madrid, 595 meters above sea-level, to La Cerdanya, 1373 meters above sea-level. We cannot enter into the details of these trials; but we may give a general idea of the effect of altitude upon illuminating power by citing the following table, in which Paris is taken as a unit of comparison:

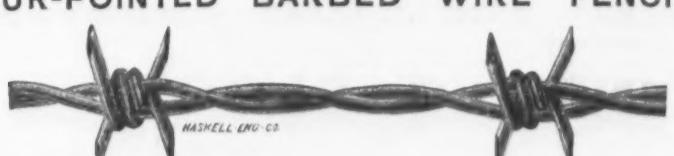
City.	Altitude, m.	Barometric pressure, mm.	Illuminating power.
Paris.	0	0.754	105
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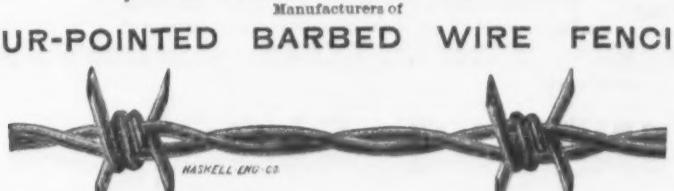
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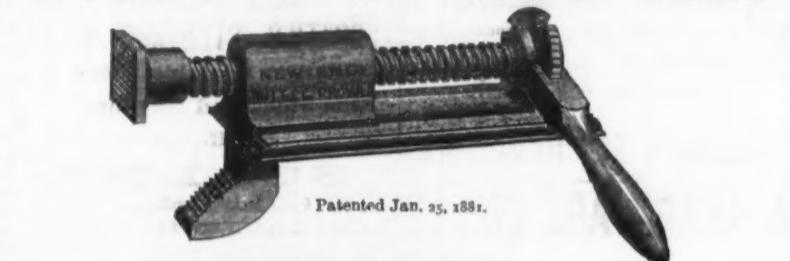


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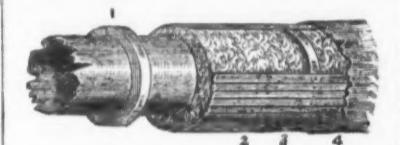
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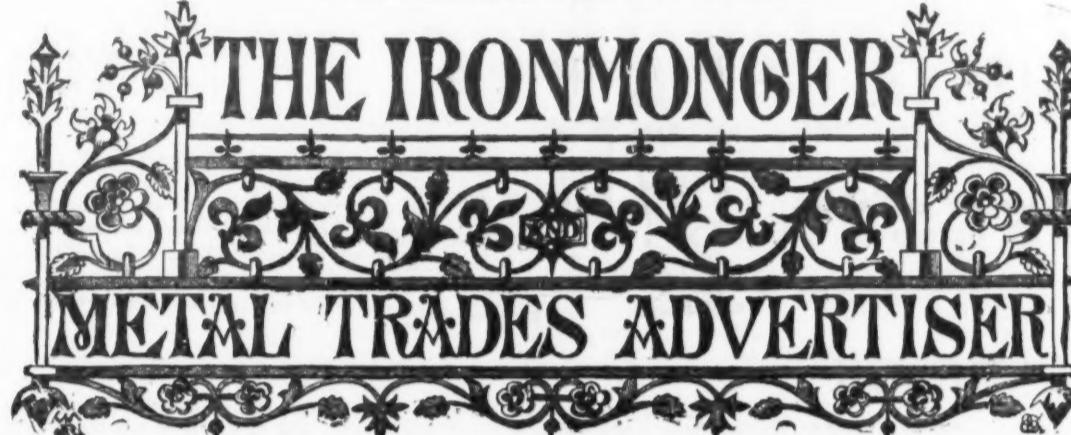
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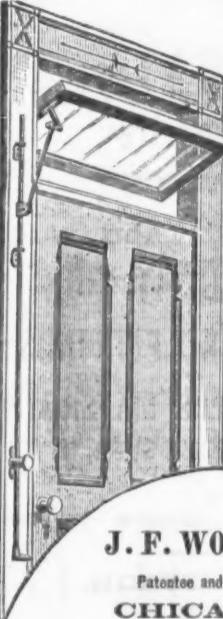
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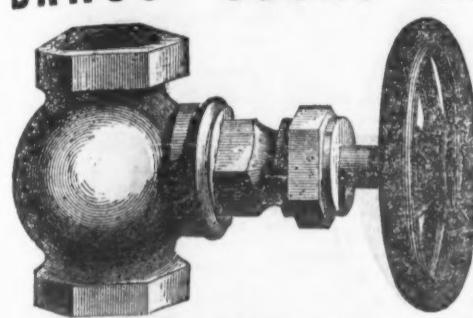
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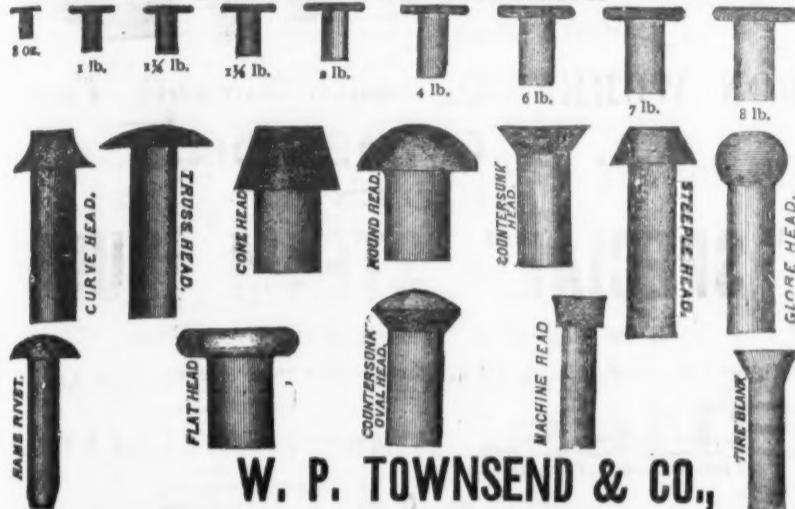
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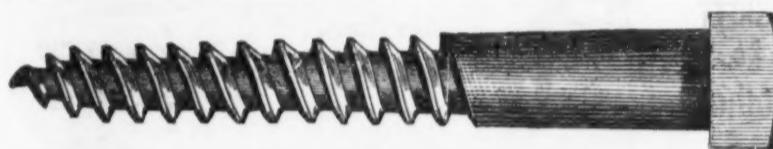
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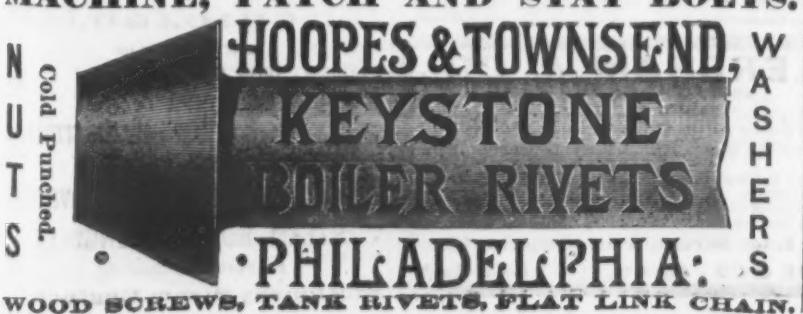


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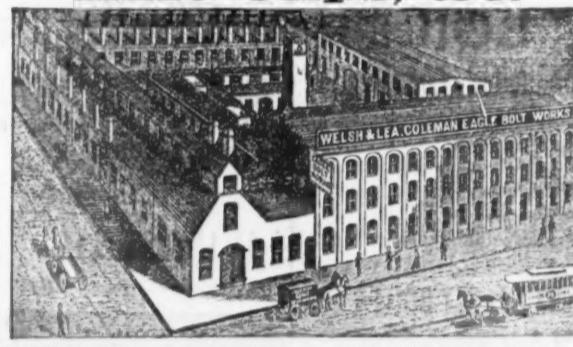
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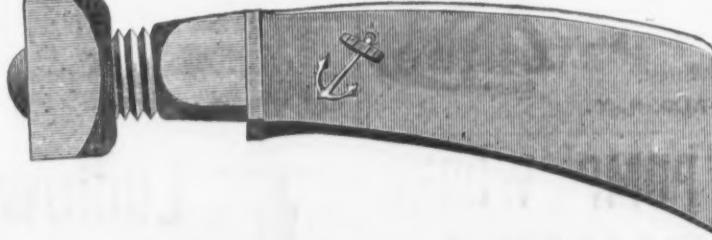
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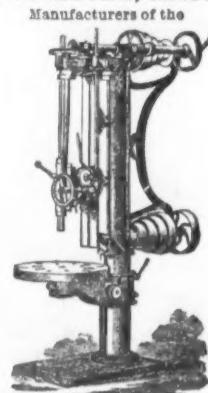
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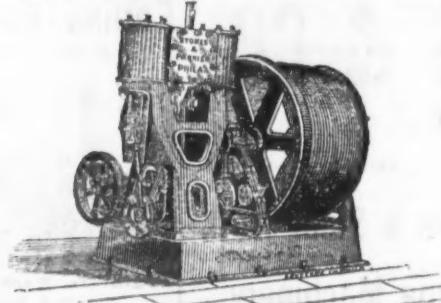
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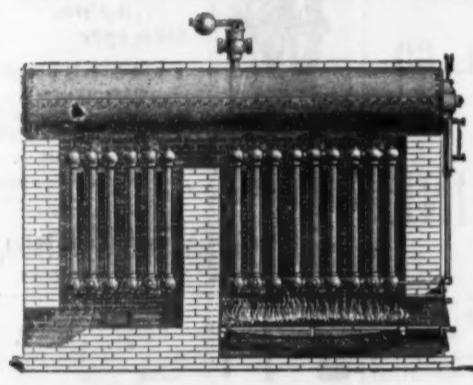
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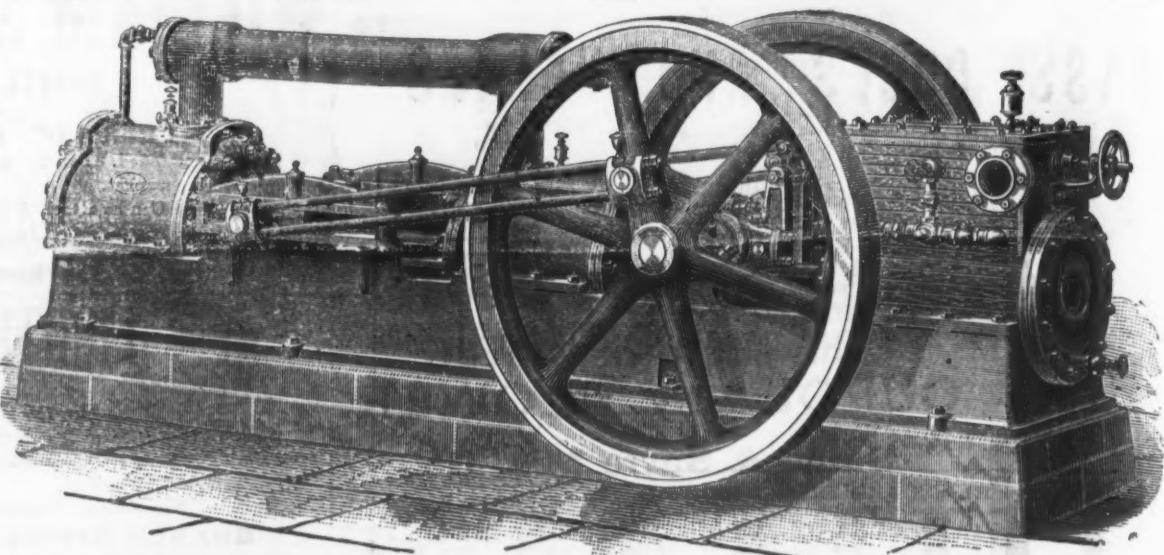
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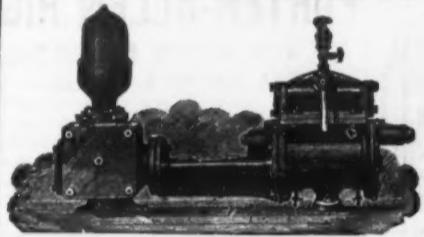
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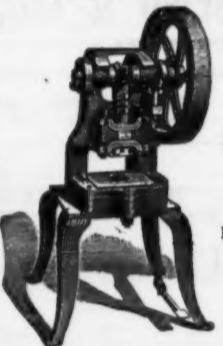
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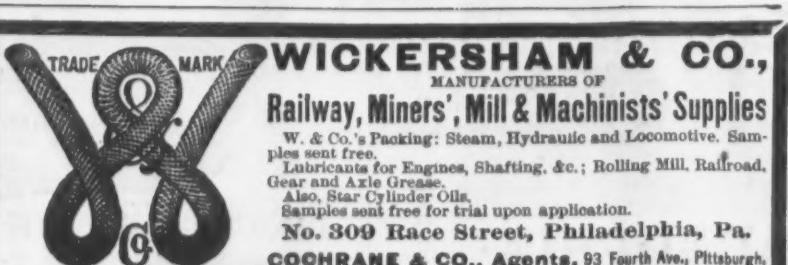
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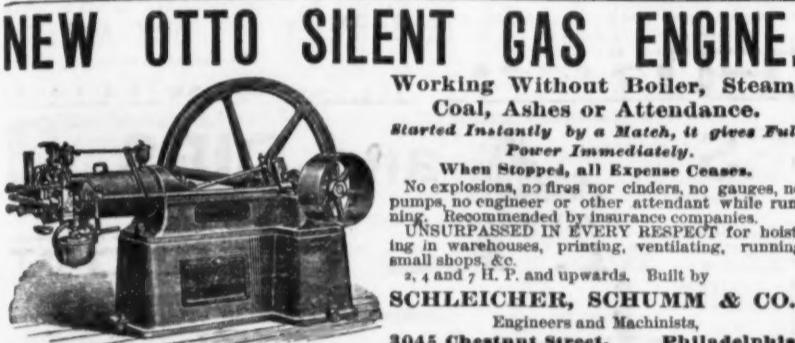
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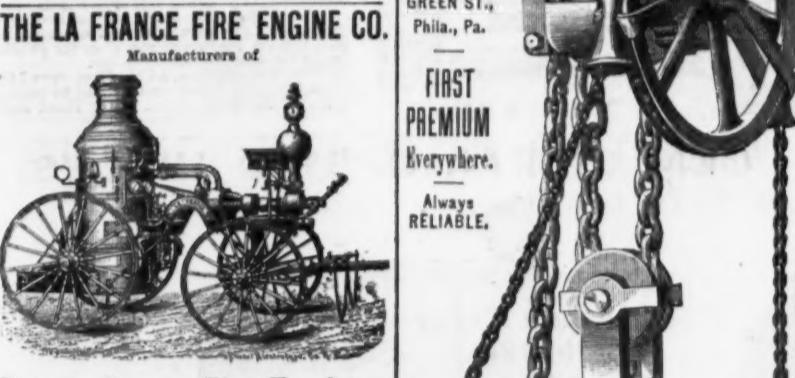
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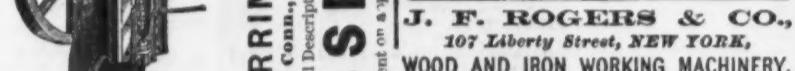
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